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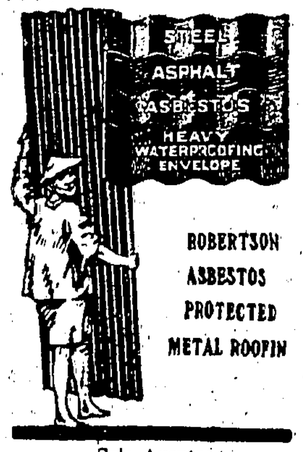

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SPEECH BY SIR EDWARD STUBBS.

WHAMPOA AND HONGKONG.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

Sir Edward Stubbs, ex-Governor of Hongkong, was the guest of the Colonial Institute at a City luncheon, at which he emphasised that the troubles of Hongkong were started by Russian agitators at Canton who made no secret of their intention to ruin Hongkong.

Sir E. Stubbs contended that his counter-strike methods were not unpopular amongst those they were meant to protect.

He did not think the trouble would last much longer.

He had great faith in the commonsense of the Kwangtung Chinese, who, before long, would purify Canton of the "Red" element.

When the situation was normal, Hongkong would have a future far exceeding the past. There was no possibility of Hongkong being cut out by any other port.

The Cantonese were talking wildly of developing Whampoa, which, however, would require much dredging, whilst there were other drawbacks.

If competition came he did not doubt that Hongkong would win.

The really important question was the completion of the railway from Canton to Hankow.

He feared that the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen misunderstood him during the recent abortive negotiations on finance in connection with the Canton line from Hongkong.

As a result of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's death, power had passed into the hands of certain persons who had neither his interest, tolerance or British grip, which was the beginning of the Bolshevist movement in South China.

THAT NEW PORT.

LOWER THAN WHAMPOA FAVOURED?

RIVER HEAD SCHEME.

"A certain gentleman who comes from Canton" is quoted by the vernacular papers of this morning, as having expounded a project by the Provincial Government to organise a big port at the mouth of the Canton River, further down than Whampoa.

At first, so the speaker is reported, the Kwangtung Government considered the Bak Ngo Taam (that part of the Canton Harbour by Shameen and leading to the "back reach") the widest anchorage. It was the intention to accommodate bigger ships at Whampoa but the water there has been found to be too shallow. Accordingly, a project is being mooted to develope the port of Tai Ping (at the head of the estuary and close to Bocca Tigris) and its suburb of Sha Kok (sometimes known as the Sha Kok Fort).

STRIKE EXAMINATION.

(Wah Tze Yat Po.)

Canton, Dec. 15.

The Canton Admiralty has despatched the "Kong Hon" to patrol the Bocca Tigris Passage to examine incoming foreign vessels.

It having been reported to the Strike Executive that merchandise is being shipped to Canton from Shanghai under changed labels, special examination pickets have been added.

STILL BRISK.

APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE SHARES.

Application for the new telephone company's shares are still proceeding briskly and the staff last night sat until past eleven o'clock sorting them out.

The probabilities are that the list will be kept open until Christmas at any rate.

Owing, it is stated, to recent arrivals having been small and far-between, local rice prices have risen considerably. Domestic grades are now sold at from $11 to $13 per picul of 133 1/3 lbs.

FORGERY ALLEGED.

YOUNG INHERITOR AND LOCAL ESTATE.

HIS RELATIVES AT LAW.

Allegations of forgery in connection with a document purporting to be a will were made in the course of a probate court case at the Supreme Court this morning by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, counsel for plaintiff.

The properties alleged to have been disposed of by this document were houses in Queen's Road and Wellington Street, Hongkong, bringing in a yearly rental of $1,300.

Letters of administration had already been granted in respect of the document purporting to be the will and this morning's application was for their revocation.

The plaintiff in the case was the grandmother of deceased (a youth of seventeen, who had inherited the property from his father and died of consumption). The defendant was the wife of deceased.

The grandmother states that during the time of his illness the deceased was in her room and as he was in a state of exhaustion and for a considerable time unable even to speak, no one was allowed to visit him without her permission. Neither his wife nor the parties who had sworn to be witnesses of the signature of the document purporting to be a will had visited the deceased, stated the grandmother.

The grandmother further deposes to having lived with the wife after the death of the deceased and nothing was said for three years of there ever being a will in existence. There was difference of opinion eventually between her and the wife and the wife left. It was after this that the document was produced.

An interview with another relative which the wife is deposed to having had in connection with the will was referred to in court this morning, Mr. Fitzroy stating that the wife produced a document purporting to be the will and signed by her deceased husband. She told the relative that there had been trouble with the grandmother and wanted him to sign the document in order that they might get the property. This he declined to do and Mr. Fitzroy states that this relative recognises the document as that on which was based the grant of letters of administration.

The abode of the deceased at the crucial dates was Sheklung, Kwangtung province.

The name of the plaintiff is Li U. Shi and of the defendant, Li Soo She.

As the facts as outlined by Mr. Fitzroy were not contested by the defendants, the case being an ex parte one, His Lordship, Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, before whom the case was tried, found for the plaintiffs and the grant of letters of administration to the widow was revoked.

BACK IN COLONY.

A RETURNED BANISHEE'S DOINGS.

SENTENCES TO FIT THE CRIME.

Attempting to extort money by posing as a police constable and returning from banishment were charges against a Chinese brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The evidence was that a man was arrested on Sunday on a charge of being concerned in a Triad Society. Defendant, representing himself to be a constable, visited the man's home the following day and demanded $5 from his wife, stating that he would put in a good word with the police on behalf of her husband. Defendant was asked to call again for the money. The next day the husband was released and on hearing from his wife about the visitor's demand a trap was laid with the assistance of the police. When arrested he was recognised as a banishee.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour for posing as a constable, and one year's hard labour for returning from banishment. In addition he was ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch.

HOTEL BURGLARY.

ENTRY EFFECTED THROUGH BATHROOM.

RESIDENTS LOSE VALUABLES

ROBBERS WHO KNEW WAY ABOUT.

Gaining entry by means of a bathroom which they reached by surmounting a balustrade, breaking the window and withdrawing the lower bolt, robbers got away with some valuables belonging to residents of the Peak Hotel early this morning.

The robbery must have been effected some time between midnight and 6 a.m. (when the traces of their nocturnal visit were first reported by the Hotel boys).

Three rooms were entered, from room No. 58 were taken a plantinum ring with two large diamonds and eight small ones, valued at $90, and a gold wristwatch, valued at £12, whilst a gold filled Waltham watch, full hunter, valued at $60, was taken from another room. The first mentioned ring and watch were the property of Mr. and Mrs. Kill.

Report, hitherto unconfirmed, mentions a robbery of a diamond pin from Mr. Butterfield's room and that of a clock, the property of Dr. H. Bareau, but the latter is incorrect for it transpires that the clock was only moved from the mantlepiece on to the table.

The police are making enquiries. The indications are that the robbers knew their way about the Hotel.

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WOMAN'S STRANGE CONDUCT.

A Chinese woman was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning on two charges of attempting to export money, and with assault.

Sergeant McEwen stated in evidence that he was on duty at the Wing On wharf yesterday afternoon when the defendant was searched by a female searcher and a sum of $60 in Canton money found in her pocket. Defendant struggled with the searcher in an effort to get back her money and eventually bit her in the hand.

His Worship convicted on both counts, imposing fines of $10 for assault and $6 for exporting money, the fines to be deducted from the money seized.

WAGES CLAIM.

KOWLOON SUMMONS DISMISSED.

SERVANTS FAIL TO APPEAR.

The summons against Mrs. McKim, of Humphreys Flats, Kowloon, for recovery of a month's wages for alleged dismissal without notice of a house coolie and amah failed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The case was adjourned from Monday for the evidence of a house boy to be taken, but the failure of the complainants to appear in Court to-day resulted in the summons being dismissed.

DEATH SEQUEL.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

SUNDAY'S MOTOR ACCIDENT.

As a sequel to the death of a Chinese earth coolie from injuries received in an accident on the Tsun Wan Road on Sunday, a motor driver of the Yau Lok garage was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The charges as framed against the accused were manslaughter and driving a car without efficient brakes.

Accused was formally remanded for one week.

"SECRET" SOCIETY.

CHAN KWING-MING IS THE CHIEF.

THE GOLDEN DOOR SPEAKS.

After all General Chan Kwing-ming is the recognised head of that famous and powerful "secret" society of overseas Chinese (mostly Cantonese) known as the Che Kung Tong which is reputed to have aided the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen in pre-Revolution days.

Some weeks back the so-called Shanghai branch of the Tong or society published an announcement in the Hongkong vernacular papers denying the appointment of General Chan as head.

The "Gold Door Five Continents' Che Kung Tong of America (recognised as the parent body) confirms the appointment. It says that at a general meeting on August 20, 1925, he was appointed chief and Tuchun Tang Chi-yao, of Yunnan, the vice-chief. The statement adds that "one or two persons, on their own initiative, cannot revoke the decision."

BOUND FOR HOME.

MR. A. E. WOOD TO ACT FOR MR. ORME.

"PATROCLUS" PASSENGERS.

Among the passengers leaving for Home this morning by the s.s. "Patroclus" were the Director of Education, Mr. G. N. Orme (who is leaving for health reasons) and Mrs. Orme.

Mr. A. E. Wood has been appointed Director of Education in the meantime.

Rev. E. K. Quick.

The Rev. E. K. Quick, of St. Stephen's College, also left for Home on the "Patroclus." He is known to many by reason of the addresses he has given at the Cathedral and also by reason of his ability at cricket. He has played regularly in Interport matches whilst in Hongkong and captained the team that went to Shanghai this year.

He has also helped the University cricketers, playing for their Club regularly and was presented by them with a suitable token of their appreciation.

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist also left for Home.

LOCARNO PACT.

THE SOVIET'S OPINION.

RUSSIA AND HER DEBTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 15.

Bombarded with questions in the course of an interview at the Russian Embassy, by Pressmen from all over the world M. Tchitcherin reiterated the opinion that the Locarno Treaties were part of a British policy against the Soviet crusade.

The Soviet desired an immediate conference on disarmament, but maintained against the League of Nations' attitude, though it was the Soviet's duty to attend conferences on humanitarian objects "whether summoned by the League or the devil himself."

He explained that the Soviet aimed at separate treaties of friendship.

Regarding debts he summed up the attitude of the Russian peasants and workers in the words of the peasant woman who told him: "I lost three sons fighting against Denikin, now they want our money."

A hand truck getting out of control at Third Street collided with a private motor car proceeding along Des Voeux Road yesterday morning, damaging the front fender of the car.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/4 5/16.

TURKISH HORRORS.

THE MOSUL ATROCITIES.

DEMONS LET LOOSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 15.

Further evidence of atrocities at Mosul are contained in additions to M. Labonne's report.

The Commissioners place the responsibility on the shoulders of the 62nd regiment of the Turkish infantry, and depict the horrors of forced and hurried deportations and massacres, and relate incidents of women violated and buried alive under stones.

They state that at Baijo alone 40 men were taken from their families and assassinated in a remote building by Turkish soldiers who were anxious not to be disturbed during their orgies.

Columns marched six to ten days foodless; several falling out were immediately massacred.

The Commissioners draw attention to the fact that Christians were not ill-treated by Kurds who protested to the Turks and refuse Turkish orders to massacre deportees, upon which Turks shot several Kurdish chiefs.

A number of Kurdish Moslem chiefs on the frontier expressed a desire to be placed within the Iraq frontiers in order to procure their safety.

TURKISH ACCUSATION.

Geneva, Dec. 15.

The Turkish Delegation, writing to the Secretary-General of the League, protesting against accusations of Turkish atrocities, alleged they were made by Chaldean ecclesiastics as inventions, citing the passage in the Commission of Enquiry's report purporting to show that the British authorities distributed 1,900 rifles and ammunition among Assyrian tribes.

FRENCH FINANCE.

M. LOUCHEUR RESIGNS.

THE EXACT SIGNIFICANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 15.

Notwithstanding the Chamber Finance Commission's rejection of certain of M. Loucheur's financial proposals, the Cabinet, including M. Loucheur, will remain in office.

M. Loucheur will seek a compromise with the Commission.

Later.

M. Loucheur has resigned.

THE SIGNIFICANCE.

M. Loucheur himself was present at the Chamber Finance Committee which confirmed last night's decision regarding fresh taxation and the Sinking Fund.

Discussion centred on the issue whether the Commission should ask the Government to submit new proposals or the Committee itself should draft a scheme.

Subsequently M. Malvy and M. Lamoureux, Chairman and Rapporteur of the Finance Committee, called on M. Briand and explained the exact significance of the Committee's decision to refer back the whole of the Government's fiscal proposals were in no wise aimed against M. Briand.

M. Loucheur then called on M. Briand and tendered his resignation.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

TENEMENT HOUSE ABLAZE.

PEOPLE TRAPPED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 15.

Five were killed and several injured in a fire in a tenement house on the east side occupied by 16 families. The fire broke out in the lower hall, shutting off the escape of people on the upper floors, some of whom were injured by jumping into the street.

TRADE TREATY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Oslo, Dec. 15.

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(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 15.

Writing to Senator Capper on the rubber situation, Mr. Hoover dwells on the "trade war," and says that America's imports in 1926 will be 900,000,000 pounds, costing about £198,000,000, "namely, £133,000,000 above a fair price." He does not favour trade reprisals, but suggests, as "defensive measures," firstly the discouraging of American brokers from giving credits to these combinations, secondly, a strong campaign for the voluntary saving of used rubber, thirdly, the use of substitutes and fourthly, the establishing of machinery to prevent American buyers from bidding against each other.

SINO-JAPAN TRADE.

Figures for Ten Months.

Japan's trade with China for October resulted in an excess of exports to the extent of Y48,257,000, according to an official report of the Department of Finance. Exports were Y70,587,000 and imports were Y22,230,000. An aggregate of exports since January reached Y492,429,000 and imports Y227,523,000, an excess of Y264,906,000.

Details of exports and imports follow:

EXPORTS.

	January-October	October
Manchuria	Y6,908,000	
	Y67,779,000	
North China	12,954,000	
	112,396,000	
Central China	34,021,000	
	176,578,000	
South China	641,000	
	595,000	
Total	54,827,000	
	358,248,000	
Kwantung leased territory	881,000	
	10,019,000	
Hongkong	6,320,000	
	53,686,000	
Grand total	76,587,000	
	492,429,000	

IMPORTS.

Manchuria	881,000
	10,019,000
North China	6,235,000
	56,840,000
Central China	8,769,000
	59,835,000
South China	773,000
	7,391,000
Total	16,658,000
	134,115,000
Kwantung leased territory	5,472,000
	91,757,000
Hongkong	260,000
	1,651,000
Grand total	22,230,000
	227,523,000

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.

	Gross Value.
Mr. William Robertson Smith, of 8, Windsor Terrace, West Kelvinside, Glasgow, stockbroker	£149,102
Mr. George Walkden Bardsley, of Kingston, Chorley New Road, Heaton, Bolton, Lancs, cotton, yarn, and waste merchant	£78,397
Mr. William Bond Kapmaal, of Devonshire House, 106, Carr Hagg road, Southport, Lancs	£22,902
Mrs. Sophia Jane Temple, of Heathfield Lodge, Bitterne, Southampton	£22,132
Mr. Edwin Llewellyn Poulson, of Dresden House, Knottingley, Yorks	£20,335

TRADE CURVES.

Bradford and Women's Clothes.

One of the reasons why Bradford has been losing trade is a change in women's fashions, said Mr. John Emsley, president of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, at the council meeting of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade.

A few years ago every woman's dress was made on what was known as a "foundation"—and that "foundation" was made in Bradford. Now it had gone out of fashion.

There was, however, one staple trade the city would always have, because, though women might not require so much as in the old days, they would always need clothing.

Mr. Emsley added that one million people depended on the Bradford textile industry for their daily bread.

Criticisms of the Bradford industry were made by other speakers. The opinion was expressed that Bradford was not supplying colours for which the British public are asking. Nearly all the colours sold in London today and in the larger provincial towns, it was said, came from France.

NEW NOTES.

Altering the Law.

It is now recognised that probably next year the Treasury notes for £1 and 10s. will be withdrawn and the Bank of England notes for the same amount will be issued. The "Monthly Review" of the Midland Bank, Ltd., has some interesting comments on a matter which touches the pockets of all of us. If this policy is adopted it states:—

"Another legislative change must be made in connection with the denomination of notes. Under the Act of 1926 the issue of Bank notes below £5 was prohibited, and thus for the first time for [illegible] years. Clearly, if the Bank of England is to take over the issue of £1 and 10s. notes hitherto guaranteed under the authority of the Treasury, the law will have to be altered to permit the Bank to lower the denomination of its notes.

"As far as surface changes go, the Treasury note will gradually disappear, and Bank of England notes for £1 and 10s. will take their place. What is the theory underlying the change of which this is the public evidence? It is a well known historical fact that [illegible] currency, including notes, has come to play an ever dwindling part in the conduct of affairs in this country.

"Indeed, to such an extent have cheques and bills ousted currency that it is doubtful whether one per cent. of the debts falling due in business life to-day are settled by the handling over of currency. Consequently credit has come to be the controller of currency.

"It is argued therefore that inasmuch as the Bank of England exercises control over the volume of credit outstanding by virtue of its position as depository of the cash reserves of the Banks, to the Bank of England alone, in the interests of economy and efficiency, should also be given the function of issuing notes, which comprise so large a part of the currency circulation.

"It will be a true gold standard, as in 1914, with the modification that gold will not be in circulation. Instead Bank of England notes for £1 and 10s. will pass from hand to hand. The Gold Standard Act, 1925, carrying out the recommendation of the Committee on Note Issues, relieved the Bank of England from paying out gold coin, as distinct from bars, in exchange for notes, and rendered the currency notes likewise non-convertible into coin.

"This relief to the Bank will continue until abolished by proclamation, but it seems fairly clear that the Committee on Note Issues contemplated that it should be only temporary in character. Consequently when conditions warrant it may be that gold coin will again become available for public use in this country. Even then, however, it is doubtful whether any large amounts would be drawn for circulation.

"The note, by reason of convenience, has become firmly entrenched in the habits of the people, and it would probably be found that individual preferences for gold coin would show themselves in the circulation of only very limited sums."

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1925.

On London—	
Bank, Wire ...	2/4 1/16
,, On demand ...	2/4 5/16
,, 30 day's sight ...	
,, 4 months' sight ...	2/4-1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	2/5-1/16
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/5-1/16
On Paris—	
On demand ...	1590
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1640
On Berlin—	
On demand ...	nom.
On New York—	
On demand ...	57½
Credits, 60 days' sight ...	58⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire ...	
On demand ...	155½
On Calcutta—	
Wire ...	
On demand ...	
On Singapore—	
On demand ...	100½
On Manila—	
On demand ...	113⅜
On Shanghai—	
On demand ...	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand ...	130⅛
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.27
Silver (per oz.) ...	31⅛
Bar Silver in Hongkong	9 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash ...	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents ...	6 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	nom.
Chinese Sub. Coin ...	28½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ...	par.

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"I saw you kiss Tom last night."

"Yes, I am engaged to Bill."

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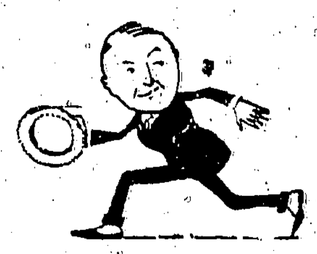

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			November 18, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin ... 牛尾粒	lb.		32	24	12
,, Prime Cut ...	,,		32	23	12
,, Corned ... 咸牛肉	,,		32	23	12
,, Roast ... 燒牛肉	,,		32	24	22
,, Breast ... 牛腩	,,		28	20	18
,, Soup ... 湯肉	,,		30	20	18
,, Steak ... 牛肉排	,,		32	24	22
,, Steak Sirloin ... 牛柳	,,		48	30	35
,, Sausages ... 牛腸	,,		40	23	20
Bullock's Brains ... 牛腦	per set		15	10	12
,, Tongue, fresh 牛脷	each		50	50	60
,, Tongue, corned 咸牛脷	,,		—	60	—
,, Head ... 牛頭	,,	$1.50	—	$1.20	
,, Heart ... 牛心	lb.		24	13	14
,, Hump, Salt .. 牛肩	,,		—	20	18
,, Feet ... 牛腳	each		10	10	12
,, Kidneys ... 牛腰	,,		15	10	12
,, Tail ... 牛尾	,,		30	20	22
,, Liver ... 牛肝	lb.		24	18	14
,, Tripe ... 牛肚	,,		12	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet.. 牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00	
Mutton Chop ... 羊排骨	lb.		55	26	—
,, Leg ... 羊脾	,,		55	26	—
,, Shoulder ... 羊手	,,		53	24	—
,, Saddle ... 羊鞍肉	,,		55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings ... 猪腸	,,		40	—	27
,, Brains ... 猪腦	per set		5	—	12
,, Feet ... 猪脚什	lb.		22	15	—
,, Fry ... 猪什碎	,,		40	15	18
,, Head ... 猪頭	,,		24	20	—
,, Heart ... 猪心	each		14	10	10
,, Kidneys ... 猪腰	,,		12	10	8
,, Liver ... 猪肝	lb.		52	30	24
Pork Chop ... 猪排骨	,,		42	25	23
,, Leg ... 猪脾	,,		45	—	—
,, Loin ... 猪後腰	,,		48	28	27
,, Fat or Lard ... 猪油	,,		30	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet.. 羊頭	per set		85	60	70
,, Heart ... 羊心	each		15	8	7
,, Kidneys ... 羊腰	,,		15	12	10
,, Liver ... 羊肝	,,		55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order. 乳豬	,,		25	25	22
Suet, Beef ... 牛羊油	,,		32	20	18
,, Mutton ... 羊油	,,		55	26	24
Veal ... 牛仔肉	,,		36	20	19
,, Sausages ... 牛仔腸	,,		40	20	20
,, ,, No. 1..	,,		32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel ... 鯪魚	lb.		30	19	24
Bream ... 鯛魚	,,		34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish ... 塘魚(省城淡水魚)	,,		—	18	16
Carp ... 鯉魚	,,		—	16	27
Catfish ... 鯰魚	,,		—	12	9
Codfish ... 雪魚	,,		—	20	25
Crabs ... 蟹	,,		48	23	28
Cuttle Fish ... 墨魚	,,		28	16	2
Dab ...	,,		30	23	15
Dace ... 青鱎 尾肚	,,		24	10	9
Dog Fish ... 鹽沙魚	,,		10	10	8
Eels, Conger ... 海鰻	,,		35	16	—
,, Fresh Water ... 淡水鰻魚	,,		—	10	18
,, Yellow ...	,,		68	26	30
Frogs ... 青田石鴨	,,		65	32	25
Garoupa ... 班球	,,		75	40	30
Gudgeon ... 白鱎魚	,,		24	18	15
Herrings ... 鯡魚	,,		30	22	18
Halibut ... 比目魚	,,		26	18	23
Lubrus ... 青衣	,,		36	22	18
Loach ... 花鰍魚	,,		35	22	24
Lobsters ... 蝦	,,		55	32	21
Mackerel ... 鯖魚	,,		36	20	26
Monk Fish ... 鮟鱇魚	,,		42	32	36
Mullet ... 烏頭	,,		32	18	2
Oysters ... 蠔	,,		30	16	22
Parrot Fish ... 鸚哥魚	,,		24	14	9
Perch ... 鱸魚	,,		30	20	15
Pike ... 花鯉魚	,,		15	16	9
Plaice ... 比目魚	,,		72	28	14
Pomfret, Black ... 烏鯧	,,		36	26	29
Pomfret, White ... 白鯧	,,		45	36	30
Prawns ... 蝦	,,		30	36	45
Ray ... 魟魚	,,		18	10	14
Rock Fish ... 石斑魚	,,		35	18	18
Roach ... 鯇魚	,,		36	22	16
Salmon ... 鮭魚	,,		70	36	30
Sharks ... 鯊魚	,,		12	8	10
Skate ... 鱏魚	,,		15	10	10
Shrimps ... 蝦	,,		55	26	35
Snapper ... 立魚	,,		50	32	30
Soles ... 沙魚	,,		38	28	28
Tanch ... 九肚魚	,,		—	22	18
Turbot ... 左口魚	,,		42	18	10
Tuties, small, fr. water ...	,,	$1.30	40	—	

Poultry.

			November 18, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken ... 雞	lb.		68	30	31
Capons, Small ... 線雞	,,		60	28	30
Capons, Large ... 肥線雞	,,		62	28	30
Duck ... 鴨	,,		50	22	21
Doves ... 斑鳩	each		26	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking) ... 雞蛋	per oz.		30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ... 新鮮雞蛋	,,		40	25	20
Fowls, Canton ... 本地雞	lb.		—	36	24
Fowls, Hainan ... 海南雞	,,		64	28	—
Geese ... 鵝	,,		38	24	24
Pigeons, Canton ... 白鴿	each		—	30	—
,, Hollow ... 海口鴿	,,		32	23	—
Turkeys, Cock ... 火雞公	lb.		65	—	—
Turkeys, Hen ... 火雞雌	,,		48	51	45
Snipe ... 沙追	each		—	—	—
Pheasant ... 山雞	pair	$1.75	—	—	
Quail ... 鵪鶉	,,		32	—	2
Partridges ... 鷓鴣	,,		$1.70	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds ... 杏仁	lb.		55	35	—
Apples California) ... 金山蘋果	,,		22	24	—
Bananas (bride's) ... 蕉山香蕉	,,		7	4	—
Carambola ... 楊桃	,,		—	12	—
Cocoanuts ... 椰子	each		14	10	10
Lemons, China ... 檸檬	lb.		14	7	—
Lemons (America) ... 金山檸檬	each		8	8	—
Lichees, Dried ... 荔枝干	,,		30	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ... 新會甜橙	,,		—	—	—
Oranges ... 橙	,,		14	—	15
Pears (Canton) ... 沙梨	,,		12	—	—
Peanuts ... 花生	,,		15	10	12
Persimmons, Large ... 紅柿	,,		14	12	—
Plantain ... 大蕉	,,		5	3	4
Pumelo, Siam ... 暹羅柚	each		17	12	6
Walnuts ... 合桃子	lb.		17	—	15
Grapes ... 吉提子	,,		25	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes ... 鴉芝竹	each		12	—	8
Beanss, Sprout ... 芽菜	lb.		5	—	7
,, Long ... 豆角	,,		—	8	—
Beet Root ... 紅頭	each		3	3	3
Bitter Squash ... 苦瓜	,,		12	—	—
Brinjals, Green ... 清瓜	,,		9	5	9
,, Red ... 紅瓜	,,		10	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese ... 芥菜	,,		5	5	12
,, (Shanghai) ... 鵝菜	,,		12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ... 蔗	,,		4	—	9
Cauliflower (Large) ... 大鵝菜花	each		40	—	—
,, (Medium ... 中鵝菜花	,,		30	—	—
,, (Small) ... 細鵝菜花	,,		25	—	—
Carrots ... 金參	lb		8	6	6
Celery, Chinese ... 塘臭菜	,,		14	10	6
Chillies, Dried ... 辣椒干	,,		30	25	5
,, Red ... 紅花椒	,,		50	10	16
,, Green ... 青辣椒	,,		40	8	12
Curry Stuff, English ... 架厘材料	,,		10	10	10
Cucumbers ... 青瓜	each		7	2	—
Garlic ... 蒜頭	lb.		7	8	—
Ginger, Young ... 子薑	,,		10	7	—
,, Old ... 老薑	,,		7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai: (local)	each		8	8	4
Indian Corn ... 粟米	,,		35	45	—
Lettuce ... 鵝生菜	lb.		7	1	—
Water Chestnuts ... 馬蹄	,,		15	6	6
,, Mandarin ... 桂林馬蹄	,,		18	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh ... 鮮草菰	,,		—	—	5
Okroes ...	,,		10	1	10
Onions, Bombay ... 洋葱頭	,,		8	8	8
,, Green ... 生葱	,,		10	4	6
,, Shanghai ... 上海葱頭	,,		6	6	—
Parsley ... 芹菜	,,		25	60	8
Potato, Sweet ... 番薯	,,		6	3	—
,, Japanese ... 日本蕃仔	,,		5	3	—
,, American ... 金山蕃仔	,,		6	3	10
Pumpkin ... 多瓜	,,		4	3	4
Radish ... 紅蘿蔔仔	,,		5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh ... 大黃	,,		—	—	10
Shallots ... 干葱	,,		8	8	—
Spinach ... 菠菜	,,		10	4	—
Tomatoes ... 番茄	,,		15	7	—
Taros ... 芋頭	,,		6	6	—
Turnips, Punt (Long) ... 蘿蔔	,,		6	4	—
Vegetable Marrow ... 番瓜	,,		—	4	—
Water Cress ... 西洋菜	,,		10	15	—
Water Lily Root ... 蓮	,,		7	6	—

XMAS MUSIC.

CHARM TO FESTIVE SEASON.

HYMNS AND CAROLS.

Christmas music takes a place in the scheme of Christmas pleasure which reveals afresh the claim of music as an indispensable accessory of life, says a "Daily Telegraph" writer. To prove that claim of music, one need scarcely do more than imagine a Christmastide in which there was no music, no Christmas hymns, no carols, no songs, either sacred or secular, to emphasise the charm, the geniality, the high spirits of the Christmas mood.

The absence of music at Christmas is, in fact, not to be conceived of as possible. On the contrary, the more music there is, the more likely is Christmas to be a time of gaiety and enjoyment.

At such a season, and in such circumstances, music enjoys one of its most popular uses—the use of it, that is, which adds the charm of music to the gaiety of a home festival. It is an essential aid to the Christmas lightness of heart which so often breaks into song. It is inseparable from the Christmas dances and the Christmas games.

The home instrument of music—no longer, as once it was, an instrument needing the skill of an expert performer, but, in greater volume and variety than it ever has been, an instrument which makes its own music—offers inexhaustible stores of it, which may be listened to with ease and intimately, which may be varied to meet every demand; music which is available for the accompaniment of whatever is the festivity of the moment, or which plays, on and on, in the ears of those who prefer to listen to it for the sake of its own attractiveness, or for what it brings them in the way of their pleasure in the memories it recalls.

Music, furthermore, is traditionally a part of the Christmas expression of joy in the season as it is voiced by the Churches. The sacred music of the Christmas tide has unfailing appeal wherever in the world Christmas is celebrated as a festival. There is no better-loved music than the music of the Christmas hymn, the Christmas carol, the Christmas anthem.

MUSIC SIMPLE AND SWEET.

The basic reason for this is, no doubt, that the exquisite story of the first Christmas Eve and Christmas Day always lent itself to music of sweetness and simplicity, and that the words of that story, or any subsequent words which in any sense have illumined it, were always of themselves assured of a universal audience by the beauty that is in them.

It is probably true, indeed, that beauty so enchanting as that of the story of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day needed nothing outside itself to send it deep into the hearts and affections of the human family. But it is also true that for many millions of our race, through centuries of its history, the Christmas music of adoration and praise which musicians have poured forth unceasingly, has touched to finer issues that already exalted or the already tender emotions of the numberless men and women and children who at Christmastide all down the ages have been moved by the great story of the birth of the Holy Babe. Some of this music is as familiar to multitudes of people as is any music in the world. Much of it is the best-loved music they know.

By grace of what it tells of, and its own appealing charm, Christmas music in its simplest forms, for example, as Christmas carol and Christmas hymn, is a music apart. It has the fragrance of an untouched flower. Its freshness is that of the innocence it celebrates. It is the very music for the children in whose mouths it sounds as it never can sound elsewhere, and withal it is a music which men and women, hardened and wearied by the experiences of life, sing as naturally as though it were the music that best expressed them.

BEAUTY OF THE WORDS.

The Christmas carol and the Christmas hymn possess this power chiefly by reason of the words, and the beauty of that which the words proclaim. But we may at least be glad of a music which so expresses such words, and can add something of beauty, and something of grace and charm to a story that is all charm, and beauty, and grace.

There is, too, the noble Christmas music of more elaborate kind, in which great composers have offered to the festival of Christmas Day the tribute of their genius. Some of the sections of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" are as affectingly beautiful as anything written by that great weaver of sounds that interpret the heart.

And the more familiar Christmas music of Handel's "Messiah" sings, and will sing, immortally a Christmas song, the mingled tenderness and splendour of which make music that is half-divine. And in century after century, musicians writing for branches of the Church which at the Christmas season rise into their highest dignity of ceremonial, have written Christmas music which for millions of worshippers has been the inspiration or the solace they most desired.

VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

December 16.

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XMAS SPIRIT.

The happiest feature of Christmastide is the spirit of generosity it engenders. The embodiment of this spirit is a Father Christmas, Knight Rupert, or more other mysterious personage who ubiquitously glides from house to house showering down his gifts for the "weans," and leaving behind him everywhere an atmosphere of cheeriness and genial happiness.

The beneficent belief in this Old-World spirit has, happily, spread to almost every corner of the civilised world. In America the German Christ-Kindlein or Infant Christ becomes the Krishkinkle, who, like Santa Claus in England, pursues his unimpeded way through key-holes and down sooty chimneys to bestow his gifts upon children that are "good," while Pelsnichol or "Nicholas with the Fur" follows close upon his heels with a birchen rod for the "naughty."

Long may this belief in a Krishkinkle" maintain its virile existence, and may the "weans" see little of that chastening rod of Pelsnichol.

A little boy took an apple to school the other day, and was playing with it. When the teacher saw him he took it from him and commenced to eat it.

As the boy saw the last piece disappear he commenced coughing, and when the teacher asked him what he was coughing for, he replied:—

'Please, sir, it's gone down the wrong throat."

A Sydney medical man struck something new in engine trouble recently. While his new car was being overhauled, he decided to resurrect an old one that had been lying in the garage for six months. Unable to start it up, he made an examination of the carburettor and discovered a dead mouse wedged in the flapper valve of the induction pipe. He is now thinking of using the old car as a mouse trap.

XMAS PLAYS.

QUAINT AND AMUSING EFFORTS.

HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Between the "Nativities" and the Charles Dickens cycle our stage has, ruling out pantomime, been very barren of real Christmas plays, writes Frederick Harker in a Home paper.

The seasonable bills last year at the "Old Vic.," of Father Andrew's Nativity play "The Hope of the World," and Robert Atkins's adaptation of Dicken's Christmas story, "The Cricket on the hearth," may be taken as examples of the two epochs, for in the former the author has preserved the religious atmosphere of the early Nativity play.

The Church was the cradle of our drama, the first plays being liturgical—miracle play dealing mainly with the Old Testament history and the legends of the saints, and mysteries with gospel events only. Whether the latter were evolved from the Christmas or Eastern observances is a debatable point, and it is difficult to assign any dates to the earlier English ones, but the first Passion play in France, the history of Jesus Christ from the Nativity to the Crucifixion, was given in dumb show in the year 1913. The Suppression in the Monasteries practically gave them the death blow, though the Coventry plays were given as late as 1580.

The Coventry "Nativity Play, of the Company of Shearmen and Tailors," may be taken as a typical mystery, "a startlingly realist treatment joined to an emotional lyricist of the simplest charm" (Ernest Rhys).

Particularly noticeable for this are the pastoral scenes and the Adoration of the Shepherds, with their simple gifts — one his pipe, the second his hat, and the third his mitten.

I have nothing to present to thy child
But my pipe; hold, hold! take it in thy hand;
Wherein much pleasure that I have found,
And now to honour thy glorious birth,
Thou shalt it have to make thee mirth.

In the secular drama, the first Christmas play of which we have any record is "Christmas comes but once a year," in which Webster Dekker, Heywood, and Chettle all had a hand. It was acted in 1602, but never printed.

BEN JONSON.

On Twelfth Night, old Christmas Day, 1616, Ben Jonson presented at Court his "Christmas, his Masque," which might be called the forerunner of the Introduction to many a Christmas pantomime of our own day. It opens with the entrance of Christmas, "attired in round hose, long stockings, a close doublet, a high-crowned hat, with a brooch, a long thin beard, a truncheon, little ruffs, white shoes, his scarves, and garters tied cross, and his drum beaten before him." Introducing himself as Gregory Christmas, he calls in his ten children: Misrule, Carol, Minced-Pie, Gambol, Post and Pair, New Year's Gift, Mumming, Wassel, Offering, and Baby-Cake, who dance on led in a string by Cupid. By their evolutions they illustrate a ballad sung by him, beginning:

Now their interest is above to present,
With all the appurtenances,
A right Christmas, as of old it was,
To be gathered out of dances.

In 1682 was published "The Christmas Ordinary," by W. R., which was played at a gentleman's house among other revels, "wherein is expressed the jovial freedom of that festival."

"A New Dramatic Entertainment, called A Christmas Tale," founded on Favart's "Fée Urgelle," with lyrics by David Garrick, was brought out at Drury Lane on December 23, 1773. The prologue was spoken by John Palmer, in the character of Christmas, which was the only seasonable thing about it. It was not well received, being, according to Genest, but worthy of "the indignation of all but barren spectators," and its fate was summed up in the "Biographia Dramatica:" "Reprobated in the newspapers [it] was at last hooted and laid aside."

From this date until Charles Dickens wrote his "Christmas Carol," in 1843—first produced on the stage at the Surrey Theatre, on February 5, 1844—there is not a Yuletide drama worth recording. If he did not, as has been jestingly said, invent Christmas, he "undoubtedly," writes Edwin Pugh, "did a great deal to revive the vogue of those humane and kindly sentiments with which that season is still fondly associated."

The ragged girl whom Theodore Watts-Dunton heard say in Drury Lane, on June 9, 1870, "Dickens dead? Then will Father Christmas die, too?" no doubt expressed the feelings of many thousands who fondly associated his name with that season. This inspired his sonnet, "Dickens returns on Christmas Day."

THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

"A Christmas Carol" was followed by "The Chimes" (1844), "The Cricket on the Hearth" (1845), "The Battle of Life" (1846), and "The Haunted Man" (1848). Their production on the stage quickly followed publication, but "The Cricket on the Hearth" was actually played at the Lyceum Theatre on the evening of the morning the book was published, December 20, 1845. This adaptation was by Albert Smith, at the request of Charles Dickens, for Mr. and Mrs. Keeley, who were then generally acknowledged to be the greatest and best impersonators of his characters. They gave perfect and delightful performances of Caleb Plummer and Dot. So great was its success that before the end of January, 1846, versions were played at most of the London theatres—the Haymarket, Princess's, Adelphi, Strand, Queen's (Tottenham-court-road), Victoria, City of London, Surrey, Standard, Marylebone, Grecian, Pavilion, and the Albert and Bower Saloons. A burlesque on these adaptations by E. L. Blanchard, entitled "The Cricket on our own Hearth," was produced at the Olympic Theatre on January 15, 1846, which the adapter himself admitted was a failure.

Although many of these dramatisations stuck very closely to the original text, more especially Albert Smith's there was still something lacking, which Dion Boucicault supplied in his "Dot: a Fairy Tale of Home," which was first played at the Adelphi Theatre on April 14, 1862, with J. L. Toole as Caleb Plummer and Miss Louise Keeley as Dot. Toole approached the part of Caleb with much misgiving, as also did Joseph Jefferson in this same version, in New York—yet both gave memorable and finished performances. Toole again played the part when it was revived at the Gaiety Theatre as "The Christmas Story," in December, 1870, and during his own management it long held a place in his repertory.

In addition to Caleb Plummer, Toole appeared in versions of all Dickens's five important Christmas tales—as Bob Cratchit, Trotty Veck, Ben Britain, and Tetterby.

A re-written version of "Dot: a Fairy Tale of Home, in a Warble and Three Chirps," was produced at the Garrick Theatre on December 1, 1903, with Arthur Bourchier as Caleb Plummer, and an adaptation by W. H. C. Nation was played for a few weeks at Terry's Theatre commencing December 1, 1906.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1925.

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Mr. P. Bolam, second officer, "Kaying," is on reserve.

Mr. D. L. Jones, from leave, has gone second officer, "Fatshan."

Mr. L. E. Donovan, second officer, "Fatshan," has gone second officer, "Taikoo Wan I."

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Mr. Y. N. Campbell, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Anhui."

Mr. C. Thompson, chief officer, "Anhui," is on leave.

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Mr. W. L. Sharp, chief officer, "Kwangchow," has gone chief officer, "Sinkiang."

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Mr. J. J. Sandl, second engineer, "Chihli," is on leave.

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Captain P. J. G. Cuming, of the "Hopsang," has gone master "Mansang."

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Mr. E. E. Merrett, chief officer, "Mansang," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Wilkinson, second officer, "Kiawo," has gone supply second officer, "Fansang."

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Mr. J. Robson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kutwo."

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Mr. F. Hill, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Luenho."

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Banks.			
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do. C.	£13⅜ n.	£13½ n.	£12 n
P. & O. Bank	£9½ n.	£9½ n.	£9½ n
Bank of East Asia	$85 n.	$80 n.	$ 80 s
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 b.	$ 600 b
China Underwriters	2½ b.	2.20 b.	1¾ b
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n
Union Insurance	252 b. & sa.	251 b.	$250 b. 250/1
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	35½ b.	36 b. sa.
Fire Insurances.			
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H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	500 n
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Empress of Australia,	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 10
Empress of Asia,	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
Empress of Canada,	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 5
Empress of Russia,	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 19
Empress of Australia,	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May. 5
Empress of Asia,	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
Empress of Canada	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
Empress of Russia,	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
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"KEMBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,687	4th Feb.	Sphra, Piraeus, Gibraltar & Bay
"MALWA"	10,941	not fixed	Marseilles and London
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hburg
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,910	3rd April	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	8,156	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th April	do.
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"SICILIA"	8,512	25th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec. 1926.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HYMETTUS"	4,606	2nd Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SANTHIA"	8,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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Dec. 20.—B. F. Dardanus
21.—B. F. Yangtsze
26.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru

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?.—J.C.J.L. Tjilebont

FROM JAPAN.

Dec. 17.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
18.—N.Y.K. Harima Maru
18.—N. L. Coblenz
21.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
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Dec. 18.—\$ Line Pres. Taft
19.—B. & S. Changaba
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23.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
Jan. 6.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia

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Dec. 10.—D. & S. Ollingsha
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Jan. 8.—E. & A. St. Albans
19.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru
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24.—N.Y.K. Hachisima Maru
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Dec. 17.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
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24.—B. F. Protesilaus
Jan. 16.—N.Y.K. Yokohama Maru
Feb. 4.—N.Y.K. Rags Maru

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Dec. 27.—N.Y.K. Kinugawa Maru

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Dec. 26.—B. I. Takuda
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Dec. 25.—S. S. Fermoy
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16.—N.Y.K. Katori Maru
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Dec. 23.—M. M. Amazone
Jan. 8.—M. M. Porthos
20.—M. M. D'artagnan
Feb. 3.—M. M. Angkor

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Dec 19.—N. L. Coblenz
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The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 5, a.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 5 p.m. and is due at Vancouver to-day.

The C.P.S., R.M.S., "Empress of Canada" left Shanghai yesterday at 11 a.m. and is due at Hongkong to-morrow.

The B.I., s.s. "Benvrackie" from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on Dec. 18 a.m.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Tenyo Maru" is due at Hongkong on Dec. 20.

The M.V. s.s. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 14, 1925, and is due here on or about Dec. 25.

The C.P.S., R.M.S., "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 12 and is due here on Dec. 31.

The M.V. s.s. "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 26, 1925 and is due here on or about Jan. 1, 1926.

The C.P.S., R.M.S., "Empress of Asia" (Capt. T. P. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander), will leave here for Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 p.m. on Jan. 7, 1926.

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Straits and Calcutta	YUENSANG	Thurs	17th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat.	19th Dec., at Noon
Tientsin via Chefoo	CHEONGSHING	Sun.	20th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Haiphong Direct	KWAISANG	Sun.	20th Dec., at Noon.
Haiphong via Hongkong	MINGSANG	Sun.	27th Dec., at Noon
Tsingtau via Shanghai	YATSHING	Wed.	23rd Dec. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs	24th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat.	26th Dec., at Noon.
Kobe via Shanghai	FOOKSANG	Sat.	26th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 2nd January.
KATORI MARU ... Saturday, 16th January.

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LYONS MARU ... Tuesday, 12th January.

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MATSUYE MARU ... Saturday, 2nd January.

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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Dec., at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 20th January.

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MALACCA MARU ... Saturday, 26th December.
TATSUNO MARU ... Sunday, 17th January.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.
KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 28th December.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.
SHANGHAI MARU ... Tuesday, 15th December.
TOYOOKA MARU ... Sunday, 27th December.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
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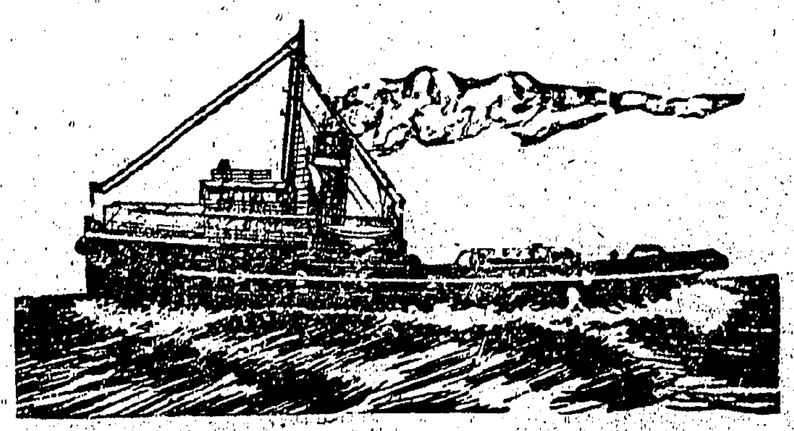

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BRITISH FILMS.

The zeal that foreign films—principally American—have upon the world is waking up to action those who belong to the industry in England. A scheme has been drawn up by a committee representative of the different sections and interests of the film industry of the United Kingdom the objects of which are:—

To increase the quantity and proportion of British films screened in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

To establish an industry under British control in the United Kingdom for the production of these films.

To encourage the production of such films as will give employment to British labour at home, and increase the prestige of the British name, British institutions and British manufactured products at home and abroad.

The chief points of the scheme are that:—

On and after October 1, 1926, no renter can rent foreign films unless he acquires and exploits a quota of British films;

On and after January 1, 1927, every exhibitor must exhibit a quota of British films in his programmes, which shall be computed at intervals of three months.

The amount of British film will, it is suggested, begin with ten per cent. and rise to twenty-five per cent. in 1929.

Doubtless Parliamentary sanction will be sought for, and given to the proposals mentioned and a moribund British film industry will have some life breathed into its almost dry bones. Criticisms of the films now generally shown have been various. The good is generally ignored, or lightly recognised the bad vigorously denounced. It is on the latter that the cinema as a whole is condemned. We are told that certain films do not add to the prestige of the Westerner when shown in the East, and that crime "tips" are to be had for the asking—or the showing. We have every sympathy with the desire to revive the British film industry. The proposed scheme will doubtless help in that direction and make the British film a serious competitor with its American prototype. The weakness of the scheme lies in its absence of what we may term spiritual ideals. There is nothing on the subject of what may be termed good taste. The prestige of the British name and British institutions is mentioned. We must believe that this indicates a real desire to show those characteristics which are indicative of the best that Britain has to offer. Indignation has been roused by the refusal of an American organization to show in America a British produced film, although it had solemnly contracted to do so. The argument used was that it was not suitable for American audiences. As the film was "The Only Way," it is difficult if not impossible, to understand the reason advanced for the non-showing of what is a superb picture based on an equally superb story. The matter is to be regretted. The incident may do some good if it promotes that spirit of competiveness which will determine those engaged in the industry to strive to produce nothing but the best. The field is a wide one including as it does entertainment, education and amusement, and should not be restricted. Australia already compels cinema theatres to show a percentage of British films, and there is in that progressive place, quite a flourishing film industry. The committee in charge of the scheme at Home is confident that the scheme will realise the objects which the Government, the general public, and all sections of the film trade, are said to be determined to achieve. We must wait and see.

R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S ABLE YEAR'S SUMMARY.

SUCCESS ALL ROUND.

The annual general meeting of members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday evening in the Board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who was supported by Mr. G. S. Archbutt (Captain) and the members of the Committee and Secretary, Lieut.-Col. L. D. Matthews.

The Captain, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said, in part:

I think you will agree with me that in view of the difficulties of the year we have passed through, the accounts shew a very satisfactory state of affairs, although there is a decrease in surplus.

The actual excess of Income over Expenditure in the year under review amounted to $6,107.87.

The profit on Working Account is approximately $7,200 less than last year, and this more than accounts for the decrease in surplus on the year's working.

It will be noticed that the receipts under the heading of Subscriptions, taking Residents and Absent Members together, show an increase of $218.

Club House Repairs.

With regard to the Fanling club houses, conditions are not satisfactory. We are faced with very heavy expenditure on absolutely necessary repairs. These are overdue, but the strike intervened, and we are only now in receipt of a full estimate and tender for the work. It amounts to, approximately, $17,000, and embraces a new roof to the men's club house, the tiles of which have absolutely perished; a new floor, the old one is finished and becoming dangerous; extensive repairs to doors, outside shutters, window frames, etc., and repainting and colour-washing. Also necessary repairs to the servants' quarters and tarring and white-washing, and the provision of a new caddie shelter, the existing one being practically destroyed by white ants and dry rot, and is useless. This estimate, however, includes an extension of the pantry in the ladies' club house, which your Committee feel is an absolute necessity, the overcrowding of the boys being the main cause of delay in service there. It further includes replacing the centre portion of the roof to the ladies' club house, repainting the entire roof and repairs to the jalousies, water-proofing of the east wall.

We are not in a position to build a new club house at Fanling yet, and shall probably have to wait for some years longer before we are. At the present time I do not consider that we should embark on any scheme which will tend to increase the cost of golf, rather we should turn our efforts in the other direction. These repairs will put the men's and ladies' club house in first class condition, and the proposed alteration will greatly improve the ladies' club house.

A "Dormi" House.

Your Committee feel that we should probably find our best course would be to build a "dormi" house at Fanling, and utilize present club building entirely as changing rooms, dining rooms and lounge. This would give us the desired additional accommodation in the men's club house, and the "dormi" house would itself be an income producer. We could then turn our attention to the erection of a suitable club house at Fanling at a later date. I think the general opinion is that it would be better to have our sleeping accommodation separate from the main club house, and if this is so I see no reason why it should not be possible in the comparatively near future to consider the building of a "dormi" house, but in any case we shall require to use our main club house building for several years longer, and, therefore, I think it is essential that it should be immediately put into a first class state of repair.

Deep Water Bay.

The extension of the club house is now completed, and in the period under review has cost us $14,599.30.

I think you will all agree that we now have an excellent club house at Deep Water Bay. Our special thanks in this connection are due to Mr. C. R. M. Young, Mr. R. W. Stoddart, and the Deep Water Bay Committee.

Mr. J. B. Ross has very kindly presented the Deep Water Bay club house with an oil painting of the view from the 3rd tee on the old course at Fanling by Mr. Heughan, brother of the celebrated singer who passed through the Colony last month.

Happy Valley.

Happy Valley was again rendered unplayable as the result of floods during the year. This was most unfortunate as it was in splendid condition in June. It is to be hoped that this trouble will be obviated after the P.W.D. have completed their improvements to the drainage.

Caddies.

The next matter to which I wish to refer is an old question, and one which it is very difficult to find a solution for, and that is the question of caddies at Fanling. In the past, many suggestions have been made for handling the situation, but none have turned out satisfactorily to solve the problem. It would be of the greatest assistance to the Committee if members would outline any suggestions they have to offer in writing, and send them in to the Committee, for their consideration.

A Professional.

Another question which arises from time to time is that of the possibility of employing a Professional. This requires very careful consideration. In the first place it might not be an easy matter to obtain a man who would be entirely suitable. It would involve the possibility of the Club losing its present profit on the sale of clubs and balls, which is usually considered a Professional's perquisite, and it is also an open question whether it might not be necessary in addition to employ a Green Keeper, quite apart from the matter of the salary that a good Professional would require.

It is possible, however, that we might consider the question of the employment of a professional Green Keeper who had a knowledge of golf, and could give lessons. This would no doubt fill a long felt want, and I think might be left to the incoming Committee as a matter for their careful consideration.

The Secretary.

The Secretary arrived during the year before last, and his position was a difficult one in that there was no precedent for him to work one. A scheme of work for running the Club has been drawn up during the last year, and the position in this respect is now very considerably improved. To the Secretary, however, falls the chief duty of superintending the courses and when new work is in progress this takes up a good deal of time as transport is a difficulty. The general supervision of club houses and equipment is also no small matter, and in addition his office work is heavy. With practically no telephonic communication to Fanling booking of rooms alone is a considerable trouble, whilst seeing that bills are paid, paying wages, ordering goods and checking bills against order books, dealing with competitors' handicaps, etc., fill up his time fully. It would considerably help matters if members would themselves assist as far as possible in minor matters, as, for example, by paying their bills direct to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, the Treasurers, and not addressing them to the Secretary.

Reference was also made by the Captain to the handing over to Cafe Wiseman of the catering arrangements owing to difficulty in getting boys and cooks after the strike.

The Club has lost several old members during the past year:—Messrs. T. S. Forrest, H. W. Petley, J. F. Wheeler, S. C. Harris, H. A. Cartwright, W. A. J. Cooper, J. Featherstone and T. Neave. We have also lost two old supporters, who have left the Colony recently, in Sir Claud Severn and Mr. Justice Gompertz, the latter a member for twenty-eight years.

The following gentlemen have been invited to become honorary members of the Club:— H.R.H. Prince George, the new Governor, the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G., the new Admiral, Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., the new General, Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

The Committee.

As you will see, gentlemen, several old members of the Committee will not be standing again this year, owing to Home leave in a number of cases and pressure of business in others. Our best thanks are due to these gentlemen for the hard work and valuable advice they have freely given to the Club. It is necessary to appoint several new members on the Committee, and this infusion of new blood will probably be a healthy thing for the Club. In conclusion, gentlemen, I would like to express my personal thanks to Mr. L. S. Greenhill and Mr. J. B. Ross, who have acted for me during the past season on those occasion when I was unavoidably absent from the Colony." (Applause).

Mr. Templeton seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

Members' Questions.

Mr. George Hogg said that depreciation at the Fanling Club house was written off at 5 p.c. per annum. Was it going to be written off in 20 years?

The Chairman: This is the practice generally followed. The only question about this is, is 5 p.c. enough? If it is the wish of members that we should add more, it can easily be done.

Mr. D. J. Lewis said that on looking at the figures he found that of the loss of $7,000 no less than $6,500 was lost revenue at Fanling. The strike did not commence until June, while the financial year did not end until September. It was rather difficult to see how the whole of this amount, practically 50 p.c. of the revenue at Fanling, had been lost in three months.

The Chairman replying said he thought they would find that Mr. Archbutt said that one of the factors concerned in the loss were the strike conditions. He could remember two years ago when a member could not get sitting room at Fanling and now a member could go any Sunday and get his tiffin with ease. He did not know what was responsible for it, but it might be that there was not enough money about for people to go out to Fanling regularly. "Golf comes and goes," he added, and he did not think that they could look for any specific reason. It was simply a temporary change and no doubt it would react the other way before long.

Reserve Account.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson said there was a reserve which apparently was carried forward every year and now stood at $92,000, but really they did not have such a reserve, as much of it was invested in club property. It seemed to him wrong to call that a reserve account. They had not got it as a reserve because half of it was being depreciated. With regard to linen, it looked as though they had "chowed up" $250 worth.

Mr. Archbutt explained that linen was bought in large quantities and became stock. When it was withdrawn, in small quantities, it became revenue, and eventually was thrown away. With regard to the reserve account, this as the member had assumed, was invested in their various buildings. The money was actually being spent as was demonstrated in the Deep Water Bay club house where they had put $26,000 of work into the building. They could, of course, use the reserve to write off anything, but if they did so their debenture holders might ask where their security was. There seemed no advantage in so doing.

Wages.

Mr. T. H. King said the item for wages for the current year seemed to be practically the same as in the past year. Did not the strike make a difference to the staffs in the club houses?

The Chairman remarked that Happy Valley was slightly down, as no servants were required when the course was flooded. Fanling was down for the same reason but Deep Water Bay was up and this balanced the account.

Mr. Hogg again drew attention to the 5 p.c. depreciation.

Mr. Archbutt replying said the customary method of writing off depreciation of buildings in the Colony was 5 p.c. on the diminishing value which was the system adopted by the Club. It was always assumed that the club house was kept in a first class state of repair. If it was considered that that method of depreciation was not sufficient they could always increase their percentage of depreciation.

The report and accounts were then adopted unanimously.

New Officers.

Mr. Archbutt proposed that the incoming committee be authorised to proceed immediately with the various repairs to the existing buildings at Fanling and the proposed extension of the ladies' club house, estimated to cost about $17,000.

The Chairman seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The following officers were then elected:

President: Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G.

Captain: Mr. N. L. Smith.

Auditors: Messrs. Linstead & Davies.

As they left the meeting members deposited their committee ballot papers in the ballot box.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the President, Captain and Committee for what they had done for the Club during the past year.

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CHINA WAR.

A PERT POSTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

An official message from Mukden states that Chang Tso-lin's troops retreating from Sinminfu and Mukden are looting. Foreign residents are panic stricken.

On a later view of the situation in Manchuria the War Office announces its immediate intention to bring up the garrison to full strength by sending a thousand troops from Korea, following with 25,000 from Kurume.

When the latter arrive, the original thousand will return to Korea.

The commander of the Kwantung garrison has renotified the warning generals that no fighting will be allowed within gun range of the railway; also near the Japanese zone interests.

News from the front at Tientsin is of the scantiest, but apparently Li Ching-lin is now past Yangtsun.

The city is quiet and most shops have posters with "down with Feng; down with the Bolsheviks."

TRAM WRECK.

SERIOUS MOSCOW ACCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 16.

Seven were killed and 42 seriously injured in the derailment of a tram car which wrecked a house.

MOSUL QUESTION.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

THE BRUSSELS LINE

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 15.

Matters appear to be shaping towards a settlement of the obstinately contested Mosul question between Britain and Turkey.

Conferences are proceeding, and a general rumour bears out the anticipation that the Brussels line will be adopted as the frontier, with possible economic adjustments.

DAIL AGREES.

LONDON AGREEMENT PASSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 16.

The Dail has passed all stages of the London Agreement, after eight hours' debate and several divisions on all sections of the Bill, but the Government majority averaged over 30.

BILL PASSED.

SAFEGUARDING BRITISH TRADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

The Safeguarding Bill has passed the Committee stage without alteration.

The Guam typhoon is reported this morning to be approaching the Bolow Islands from eastward. Until noon to-morrow the weather forecast is (Formosa Channel) N.E. winds, strong; (Hongkong and coast) N.E. winds, fresh to strong; fair, cooler.

Nearly 4,000 letters have been received at Australia House from M.P.'s, private individuals and traders, promising support for the Australian fruit-growers' campaign, to induce British housewives to use Australian currants and raisins in making Christmas puddings. Managers of big London and provincial provision stores are to make attractive window displays. More than 5,000 grocers in Lancashire, Cheshire and parts of Yorkshire have agreed to hold Empire weeks during the next two months, in which Australian dried fruits will be given special prominence.

MARS FROWNS.

NORTHERN RAILWAY ZONE THREATENED.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

The Kokusai agency at Mukden reports that with a view to maintaining strict neutrality the South Manchuria Railway refused to transport Gen. Kuo Sung-ling's troops from Newchwang. It is reported that the Company's policy is to refuse to transport soldiers of either army unless they are disarmed.

Foreign Office advices from Mukden indicate that Kuo Sung-ling's terms to Chang Tso-lin are for immediate acceptance.

An envoy from Kuo Sung-ling visited Baron Shidehara yesterday. It is understood that inter alia Japan will be requested to continue her neutrality whatever happens, which Japan is willing to do, provided there is no fighting within the railway zone.

IMAGINARY TROOPS.

Though pressing the Government to reinforce the garrison, it seems more than probable that the Seiyukai will adopt General Kato's proved policy of power, themselves. It is understood that the Government consider the reported presence of Soviet troops on the Chinese front to exist only in the imagination of the Chauvinists, who are trying to force the Government to reinforce the garrison.

It is learnt from the War Office that owing to the imminent danger resulting from the arrival of a detachment of Kuo Sung-ling's troops at Yingkow, in the railway zone, the Commander of the Kwantung Army will probably issue a second warning to Kuo Sung-ling.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

AMERICA NOT TO BE ENTANGLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 15.

Mr. Kellogg, entertained at a banquet by the Council of Foreign Relations, vigorously defended the foreign policy of the United States. He said his country's avowed desire was to avoid participation in purely European political matters. He reminded his American history. "We will go to the utmost limit of honorable co-operation for all legitimate purposes, but not commit ourselves to the European system of alliances and combine alliances to maintain the balance of power on that continent." Within the limitations of its policy the United States co-operated in every way in solving the great problems confronting Europe, encouraging and assisting economic construction.

Recent events justified the hope that mutual European distrust may really be replaced by mutual confidence, with conciliation and arbitration.

The Locarno conference was an outstanding accomplishment.

He denied that the United States imposed harsh terms on its debtors and said that as regards post-Armistice loans, the United States had given more generous terms than any other creditor, while as regards pre-Armistice debts its terms had been as liberal as those offered by any other country. Cancellation of the debts was impossible.

HUMAN SACRIFICES.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S ABHORRENCE.

RELEASE OF SLAVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rangoon, December 15.

A small official expedition has been despatched to effect the release of all slaves in the Hukawang valley.

Arrangements have been made generously to compensate slave-owners.

The expedition will meet at Naga. The chiefs express the Indian Government's abhorrence at human sacrifices and it is anticipated that the expedition will result in supplies of victims for sacrifice from this side of the frontier being completely cut off.

Paris, December 16.—M. Briand and M. Chicherin held yesterday another conversation which, according to the "Petit Parisien," did not deal solely with the debts question.—Havas.

CUP THAT CHEERS.

THE INCREASED PRICE OF TEA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to a questioner who suggested that the recent rise of 8d. a lb. in the wholesale price of tea was due to the restriction of supplies, Sir Cunliffe Lister promised to ask the Food Council to inquire into the causes of the increase.

IRAQ MANDATE.

THE BRITISH OBLIGATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 15.

It is understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain has assured the Council that Britain is willing to extend the mandate to Iraq 25 years.

He pointed out that this period was the maximum and there was nothing to prevent Iraq entering the League earlier, thus shortening the British obligation.

CAPTAIN BLOOD.

REALISTIC FILM AT QUEEN'S.

BREATHLESS MOMENTS.

A highly critical and expectant audience filled every available corner in the Queen's Theatre yesterday afternoon to pass judgment on the screen version of story of the sea by Rafael Sabatini. "Captain Blood," is a story of breathless adventure, in which the hero undergoes an astonishing series of incidents. We first make his acquaintance as a doctor practising on a mall down in England in the troublous days when the Stuarts were tottering to their fall. Arrested on account of his sympathy with Monmouth, he is sentenced to death by the "Hanging judge" of lessume memory, but, instead of being executed, is sold as a slave in the West Indies. Before he finally becomes Governor of Jamaica and marries the daughter of that inhuman Colonel Bishop, who had purchased him body and soul for £15, he has a terribly strenuous and crowded career as a sort of gentlemanly pirate, sinking every Spaniard and Frenchman he encounters. These fights at sea are staged in a most remarkable manner. The realistic effect was much heightened yesterday by skilful leading of the orchestra, the effects synchronising admirably with what was taking place on the screen. This was particularly the case when two goodly vessels were blown sky-high and descended in clouds of debris and splinters. The music itself, too, specially arranged for the occasion, contributed not a little to the general result. J. Warren Kerrigan as the lucky and resourceful pirate governor, who is never taken unawares, is so dignified that he makes us think the character quite plausible. As a realistic reconstruction of an adventurous story, it amply merits all that can be said about it as the wonder film of the year.

GOOD FRIENDS.

HONGKONG AND TARIFF AUTONOMY.

CHINESE MERCHANTS MEET.

Of the many items on the agenda of yesterday's monthly meeting of the committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, one related to a suggestion by the Chinese Banking Exchange that the local Government be requested to make allotments under the Trade Loan more freely.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman) said that applications would now be considered more quickly.

A letter was read from the China National Chamber of Commerce. The meeting concurred with the sentiments expressed that the writers solely wanted tariff autonomy on a co-operation basis and not an indiscriminate increase of duty on imports, such increase possibly prejudicing foreign friendship.

The Chamber was also requested to broadcast telegrams denying malicious rumours in places where overseas Chinese resided, rumours having been circulated that banks in Hongkong had suspended payment.

CORONER'S ENQUIRY

HILLSIDE BORDER INCIDENTS RECALLED.

SUB-INSPECTOR BARNETT EXAMINED.

The shooting of two Chinese by Sub-Inspector D. W. Barnett on the hillside near Sheung Shui, 250 yards from the border on the British side, formed the subject of a coroner's enquiry yesterday, this being adjourned.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, sitting with a jury, conducted the proceedings at the Central Magistracy and opening the proceedings said there was evidence to show that the Inspector had received information that a robbery had been committed that day by three men and that these men were members of a strike picket over the border. It was for the jury to decide whether the firing of these shots was justified.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, Government Medical Officer in charge of the New Territories, said that on December 1, at the Government Mortuary, Kowloon, he examined the deceased. Both had been shot through the head. The bullets were probably fired at a distance of 25 yards. Witness fully described the wounds.

The Coroner: It would appear from the position of the wounds that the bullets were fired, one from behind and one from the side?

Witness: Yes.

Sub-Inspector D. W. Barnett, in charge of Sheung Shui Station on December 1, gave evidence that at 3 o'clock on December 1 he was at Sheung Shui Station and received a report from a riksha coolie to the effect that, while bringing a sick Indian constable from Ta Ku Ling to Sheung Shui shots were fired at him near the Lo Fong Gap. He turned out three Weihaiwei constables, told them to arm themselves and gave them certain instructions. He reported the matter by telephone to the C.S.P. at Hongkong and also to Ta Ku Ling.

Shortly after sending the three Weihaiwei constables on ahead, witness followed them on his bicycle. On reaching San Uk Ling, where he could not get any information about the robbery, he left word for the Weihaiwei men to follow him on to Ta Ku Ling. Witness remounted his bicycle and had ridden about 200 yards when he heard shouts and the blowing of a whistle. He returned and met a villager, who told him that three men had snatched things from women and that they were running over the hillside towards the border. Witness could not see anyone in that direction. Witness rode towards the Man Kam To ferry, which crosses the Shun Chun river at the border of British Territory.

The Meeting.

Proceeding on foot along a path on the West side of the hill there, he saw three Chinese running towards the frontier. Witness crouched down on the hillside and waited for them with a drawn revolver. When about 150 yards from him, the three men turned to the right, i.e., Easterward, and disappeared. Witness made for the ridge. When near the top he heard a shot from behind, and, turning, saw one of the three Chinese who thereupon fired a shot at him. Witness replied by discharging two rounds at the running man. His shots took no effect. The man disappeared into a gully behind a bank. Just then witness saw the other two men, who emerged from a hollow about 40 yards away. He shouted to them in Chinese "Mo Yuk" ("Don't move!"). They did not stop, but retraced their steps. Witness repeated his order, at the same time firing one round, low, in their direction. The men turned and ran up hill again. Witness rushed forward and, when about 25 yards from them, fired two shots at them in rapid succession. He took aim, but fired quickly and had not the remotest idea of killing them. Both shots took effect and both men dropped. Witness thought the men were armed. He connected them with the three reported to have committed the reported robbery.

Why He Fired.

The Coroner: Why actually did you fire at them?

Witness: I thought they would fire at me.

The Coroner: They were running away?

Witness: Yes, but they would not stop, and I thought they were armed.

The Coroner: But what would have happened if you had not fired?

Witness: They would probably have got me if they had been armed.

In reply to a further question, the witness said he fired at the men to prevent them either firing at him or from escaping. Continuing, he said that, after waiting a couple of minutes, he crept up to the men, thinking they were shamming dead. They were still on their hands and knees and he found he had hit each man on the right side of the head. He searched both and found no arms. On the first man he found a pocket book with Chinese documents, cards and two copies of a photograph. The second man had a pocket book. Each had a little money. Witness searched the vicinity for arms but could not find any. Later a green badge was picked up. By this time the three Weihaiwei men and some of the villagers had appeared on the scene. Both men appeared to be very severely wounded and were unconscious. Witness went to Sheung Shui and returned with bandages. He found both men still alive and bandaged their wounds as well as he could. A Weihaiwei constable found two other badges. Witness then had the men carried to Sheung Shui. One died on the way, and the other later on. He telephoned to Taipo for Dr. Luk.

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said when he first saw the men they were from 400 to 500 yards on the British side of the border. The shooting took place about 250 yards from the border on the British side.

Cheung Fat said he followed the Inspector hoping to help to intercept three armed robbers. Witness saw one man run away, and also saw that man had a revolver in his hand, but did not see him fire it. From below witness saw the other two men on the top of the hill facing the inspector. He saw the men dodge back and then saw Sub-Inspector Barnett shoot them.

The Coroner adjourned the inquiry until Friday afternoon at 2.15.

H.E.'S HELP.

PROMISE TO TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

YESTERDAY'S INSPECTION.

Paying a visit of inspection to the Tung Wah Hospital (the leading Chinese philanthropic institution) yesterday, H.E. the Governor (the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.) promised every possible assistance and the sympathetic support of the Government for the efforts of the public-spirited Chinese community.

His Excellency referred to the Tung Yuen Hospital, at Wanchai, now under construction, and predicted success for it.

Accompanying His Excellency was the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. Those at the Hospital were the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, the Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison, Professor J. Anderson, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. Ma Chui-chiu (chairman).

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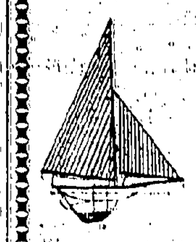

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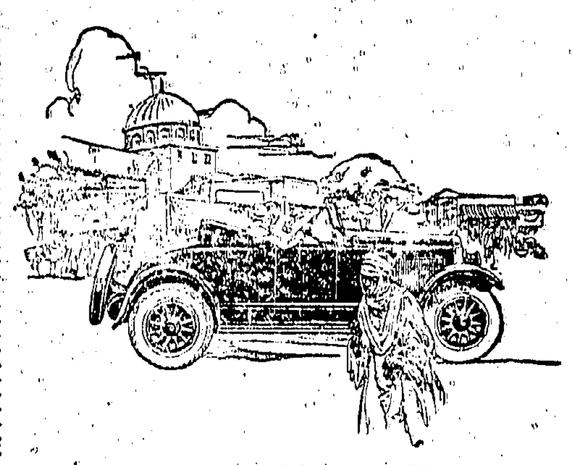

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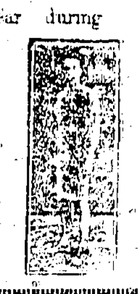

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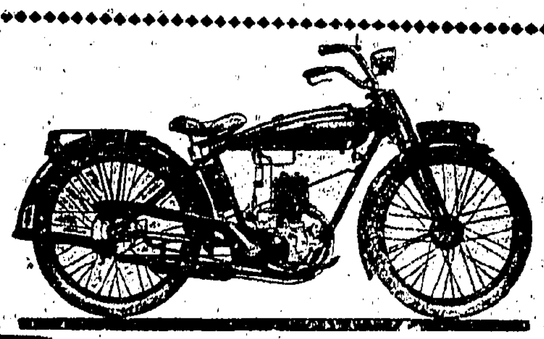

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The total output of the Kadoorie Administration's mines for the week ending November 28, 1925, amounted to 80,188 tons, and the sales during the period to 75,971 tons.

A Manila message states that President Coolidge has confirmed the death sentence passed on Lieut. J. S. Thompson, who was convicted of murdering a 16-years old girl, Audrey Burleigh, on April 5 last.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended Saturday shows one case of smallpox, two cases of diphtheria (one British), three cases of enteric fever, and one case of puerperal fever. Five deaths occurred in addition to one fatal case of influenza. There was a clear bill of Health for the 24 hours ended Monday.

The most fruitful vine in the world, so it is said flourishes in the vineries of Kippen, in Stirlingshire, Scotland. The harvest which it has yielded this season amounts to 2,163 bunches of grapes. The vine, which was planted 84 years ago, has been grown on the extension system. Its growth is not limited by pruning and it now occupies a series of glass houses. It belongs to the Duke of Colmar family and bears fruit of very fine flavour which consignors a high price. The owner, who has devoted his life to horticulture, has three other vines of the same species as the giant. One of the three vines this year yielded 700 and the other two 800 bunches of grapes each.

A curious result and proof of the invasion of English speaking people in Paris is now to be noted in the cinemas. One of them is showing the captions of the pictures in English as well as in French. Here is an example of French politeness. But the innovation has not passed without challenge. After all, French remains the language of the country, and those who wish to go to the cinema may be presumed to be acquainted with the language of the country. If they are not, so much the worse for them. However, it is to be presumed that the cinema managers know their business and that they have also large an English and American clientele which cannot read French—that is worth more while to show slightly more French captions.

Miss Ella Wootton, of Kingswear, Devon, the 16-year-old girl who was Queen of the Railwaymen's centenary celebrations at Manchester, is to be presented with copies of the cinema films, taken on that occasion. They are in a specially-sealed box to preserve them for 100 years, so that railwaymen in 2,025 will be able to see the celebration a century before, of the first railways of two centuries before.

A total of 49,802 aliens entered the United States during September, the immigration service reports, but only 26,721 were classified as immigrants, the rest being tourists or temporary visitors for other purposes. During the same month, 19,685 aliens left the United States, 12,485 being visitors and the rest leaving to make homes abroad again. In the same period, 1,429 aliens were debarred from entry. Canada furnished the largest number of immigrants, followed in the order named by Germany, the Irish Free State, Mexico and Scotland.

"Shingling" or "bobbing" has influenced the hairbrush trade to an enormous extent, was testified by Arthur Frischer, an importer of Czechoslovak goods, at the Board of Trade inquiry into the application of the British brush industry for a protective tariff. The witness, replying to the Chairman, A. S. Comyns Carr, said that there was no doubt that the new style of hair had reduced the demand for brushes. "Do you mean to say those who bob their hair do not brush it?" asked Mr. Carr, to which the witness replied, "Yes, and when they do it lasts longer."

Blinded "old" soldiers who have been through St. Dunstan's are now engaged in the most surprising occupations. St. Dunstan's annual report mentions one who has just completed a house for himself. He made all the doors, door-frames, window-frames and sashes, and his estimate for another house has just been accepted.

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The first blinded man to win a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford is a Canadian, St. Dunstaner.

The special commission appointed to consider the advantages of modifying the calendarial system at present in use in Turkey has created considerable surprise by the pronouncement of a decision in favour of adopting the Christian era. This decision has yet to receive the approval of the Assembly, which, it is expected, will be unanimous.

To make the Bible as popular in France as it is in English-speaking countries, Francois Bernouard, a publisher, is going to issue an edition in 30 volumes, with Hebrew and Greek texts opposite the French, with woodcuts scattered liberally throughout. M. Bernouard also is a poet whose work has found its way into many French anthologies.

The "topper" is steadily making its way eastward. It is still a feature of ceremonial occasions in France and Germany, and it has just had its greatest success in Turkey, where it has ousted the fez completely in the National Assembly. The top hat is now as universal in the Turkish Parliament as it was in our own in the mid-Victorian era.

Cases of German scissors, costing 4s. 6d. a dozen, were produced at the Board of Trade inquiry into the cutlery trades' plea for a protective duty. Sir James Devonshire, the chairman, to test their brittleness, pressed a pair into the desk in front of him and snapped them with ease. Other members of the committee clamped on the scissors on the floor. They were said to be made of cast-iron, and extremely brittle.

There was a crowded audience at the meeting of "The Bookman Circle," at the Caxton Hall, to hear what Miss Sheila Kaye Smith had to say about the English novel. Discussing such writers as Kipling, Wells, Hardy and Galsworthy, she expressed the opinion that there is no one to-day to compare with the great masters of the 18th and 19th centuries. Mr. Lewis Hind, Mr. Edwin Pugh, and Miss Peggy Webling were among the many speakers who contributed to the discussion which followed. Most of the speakers were of the opinion that novels would get shorter and shorter, until they disappeared altogether, and the rather depressing suggestion was made that television-wireless would eventually take their place.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Four members of the Italian Opera Company gave a radio programme at Shanghai.

Mr. E. S. Morriss has presented the Two Points Association and Millfield, each 14 yards, to the Shanghai Police, with whom they will renew acquaintance with several other "Fields" ponies now doing duty in the force.

The formal unveiling of the memorial windows in honour of the late Rev. Charles Ewart Darwent, M.A., and the consecration took place at Union Church, Shanghai, last week. Mrs. John Prentice, who with the late John Prentice was a very sympathetic and close friend of the late former minister of Union Church, unveiled the windows and the tablet beneath. The Rev. G. G. Sparham delivered the address. The entire congregation joined in appropriate music.

A gold medal, three open scholarships, and several other awards, have been won by A. A. Fitch, the head boy of Westminster City School. The three scholarships won by Fitch were:—

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Mr. P. F. Warner, speaking at Barnwood, Surrey, told an amusing story of a cricketing experience in Egypt just after the armistice. He consoled to a sergeant-major who was umpiring that he thought of giving up the game.

"Give it up, sir," replied the sergeant-major. "Excuse me, sir, but don't be a fool, sir. If I may say so, sir, don't be a damned fool, sir.

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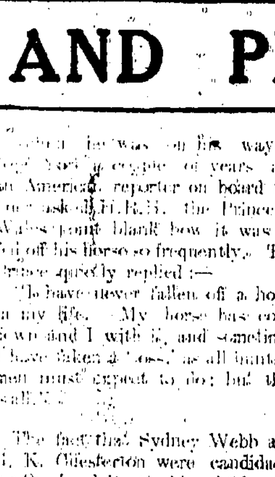
When he went to a clerical dinner he felt half of them would like to put him on a bonfire (Laughter).

"I like dining with the medical profession," he continued, "for it is agreeable to find out that mine is not the only profession that does not always practice what it preaches. (Laughter).

"But on the whole I think I prefer dining with the lawyers; they always give an excellent dinner and an excellent feast of reason.

"I have had the honour of making the acquaintance of so many of his Majesty's judges," he concluded, "that I think there is hardly a crime I could commit without finding a friend on the Bench." (Laughter).



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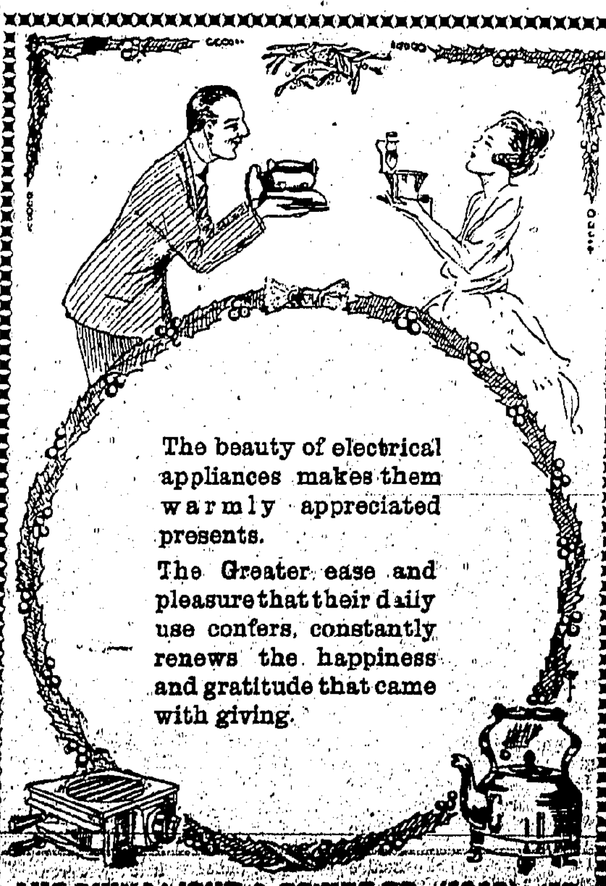

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A. L. Terry, A.C.I.S.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situate at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement as follows: —

"(2) The Vendor Company will "sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the "First day of July One thousand nine hundred and "twenty-five the said Telephone business and the "whole of the undertaking in "the Colony of Hongkong "and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with "the benefit of all assets there "situate but exclusive of the "net profits, investments, "cash in hand and in the "Bank and debts due to the "Vendor Company on the "Thirtieth day of June One "thousand nine hundred and "twenty-five) of the Vendor "Company but free from all "debentures, mortgages, or "charges of any kind and the "Vendor Company save as "herein specially provided for "shall pay and discharge all "liabilities whatsoever in"curred by the Vendor Com"pany prior to the First day "of July One thousand nine "hundred and twenty-five in"cluding the satisfaction of all "claims in respect of staff "superannuation funds bonus "funds and/or other bonus "payments up to and includ"ing the Thirtieth day of June "One thousand nine hundred "and twenty-five Provided "always and these presents "are upon this express con"dition that the same shall be "subject to the said James "Harper Taggart being satis"fied with the state and con"dition of the plant (including "cables conduits, etc.) of the "Vendor Company. The said "phrase 'the undertaking' "shall be deemed to in"clude:—

"(a) The Goodwill of the "Vendor Company as now carried on in the Colony of "Hongkong and the Depen"dencies thereof.

"(b) All the lands and build"ings of the Vendor Com"pany owned and/or leased "by the Vendor Company "for the purpose of its said "business being the pre"mises set out in the "Schedule hereunder writ"ten subject to the rents "conditions and reserva"tions affecting the same.

"(c) All plant material stores "machinery property stock "in trade instruments furniture and utensils to"gether with such books, "accounts, documents, "plans statistics records "and reports as pertain or "are necessary to the con"duct in continuity of the "business being the pro"perty of the Vendor Com"pany and used by it for the "purpose of its business and "including spare plant and "stores of all descriptions "(whether actually in use "or not in use) without any "exception whatsoever save "as hereinafter mentioned "in the possession of the "Vendor Company or to "which it is entitled and "also including works of "all kinds in the course of "construction without ex"ception.

"(d) The benefit of all con"tracts and engagements "entered into by the Ven"dor Company in the "Colony of Hongkong in re"lation to its said business "(but excepting contracts "with employees of the "Vendor Company for "which special provision is "hereafter made).

"(e) The Vendor Company's "rights and corresponding "obligations in respect "thereof relating to all "wayleaves way and "all other rights and ease"ments enjoyed and used "by the Vendor Company "for the purpose of its said "business.

"(3) The consideration for the "said sale shall be the follow"ing sums, that is to say:—

"(a) The sum of $1,155,000 "(One million one hundred "and fifty-five thousand "Dollars, Hongkong Cur"rency) for the plant of "the Vendor Company.

"(b) The landed cost to the "Vendor Company of all "additions made to the said "plant and/or property "from the First day of "January One thousand "nine hundred and twenty"five to the Thirtieth day "of June One thousand nine "hundred and twenty-five.

"(c) The sum of $491,335 "(Four hundred and "ninety-one thousand three "hundred and thirty-five "Dollars, Hongkong Cur"rency) for the land and "buildings of the Vendor "Company which are more "particularly set forth in "the Schedule hereto.

"(d) The value of the stores "of the Vendor Company "which at the Thirtieth day "of June One thousand "nine hundred and twenty"five are in the possession "of the Vendor Company in "the Colony of Hongkong "or are in transit to the "Vendor Company there or "for the purchase of which "Vendor Company has en"tered into binding con"tracts.

"(4) The said consideration "shall be satisfied (as to the "sum of One million four "hundred Dollars part there"of) by the allotment and "issue to the Vendor Com"pany of One hundred and "forty thousand shares of "Ten Dollars each in the "Hongkong Company credited "as fully paid up ranking for "dividend as from the First "day of July One thousand "nine hundred and twenty"five and (as to the balance "thereof) by payment in "cash in Hongkong Currency "in Hongkong by the Hong"kong Company to the Vendor "Company.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

Properties Owned by the Vendor Company.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central and No. 14 Ice House Street.

No. 1 Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Nos. 118 and 119, The Peak.

Inland Lot No. 57, Sections A & B of Inland Lot No. 339.

Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 549.

Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 47.

Properties Leased by the Vendor Company.

(a) Six Office Rooms in Nos. 15 and 17 Queen's Road Central.

(b) One Two-storey Godown, used as Store and Workshop being No. 3a Duddell Street.

(c) Portion of land belonging to Kowloon-Canton Railway at Blackhead's Point, Kowloon, for storing cables.

In addition to the allotment of 140,000 shares of the Company, credited as fully paid up, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company Limited has received from the Hongkong Company $200,000 in cash on account of the consideration specified in the Purchase Agreement.

The Hongkong Company was formed for the purpose, also, of supplying telephonic communication within and between the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the New Territories for a period of Fifty years under a Concession from the Hongkong Government detailed particulars of which appear more fully in The Telephone Ordinance 1925 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Telephone Ordinance").

The Hongkong Company is authorised to charge the following annual rates with effect from the 1st July 1925:—

(a) $108 per Exchange Line within (i) Victoria and Kowloon as defined by the Interpretation Ordinance 1911 and (ii) within the Peak District as defined by the Peak District Reservation Ordinance 1904 but substituting "700 feet" for "788 feet."

(b) $108 per Exchange Line within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a).

(c) An additional charge of $50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(d) For extension telephones, bells, switches, switch-boards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor-in-Council may approve.

Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being, after making provision for working and managing expenses, maintenance and efficient service, depreciation and reserve, and the other deductions referred to in Section 35 of the said Telephone Ordinance the above rates are to be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive such minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum.

The amount to be written off as provided annually for depreciation is not to exceed ten per cent. on the cost of the Company's plant and equipment other than land and buildings, and the amount that may be appropriated annually by the Company to a Reserve Account shall not exceed $50,000.

The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are secondly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

Any further net profits (*i.e.*, net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in The Telephone Ordinance 1925.

(b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment in Seven shares.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(d) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is $20,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be $2,000 per annum.

(g) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messieurs Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of $3.50 per share, being as to $2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining $1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, and at and from the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messieurs Deacons, No. 1 Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Dated the 15th day of October, 1925.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SIM SHIELD.

SERVICE TEAMS SHARE 6 GOALS.

ARMY DRAW WITH NAVY.

With a victory each to their credit over the Hongkong Hockey Club, the Army and Navy met on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday in the third match of the triangular contests for the Sim Shield and drew with three goals each.

The teams were as under:—

Army:—Sergt. Clark; Sergt. Phillips, Lt. Smith; Capt. C. D. Armstrong, Capt. D. J. Allfree (Capt.), Lt. Webb; L/Cpl. Masters, Lt. V. R. Wright-Neville, Pte. Burgess, Lt. Jacob-Larcomb, 2nd Lt. C. H. Dickins.

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchope, Lt. Emley; Lt. King, Lt. Simpson (Capt.), Lt. Broome; Pay-Sub.-Lt. Wilson, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Hill, Lt. Sillitoe, Lt. Fleet.

Referee: Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan.

The match commenced at an early hour and was finished in good light with a full interval. The play, however, did not approach the standard of the two previous matches and was disappointing from a spectator's point of view. There were far too many infringements of the off-side rule, handling high up in the air and "sticks" which, repeated with regularity, brought play to a standstill much too often. The ball also found the touch lines too frequently and, nearer goal, was apt to go wide, spoiling the finishes of a few good movements which were noticeable now and then.

Both teams may be said to have had an even share of the game, the Army being slightly superior in the opening half and falling away later to see the Navy attacking more earnestly. But for the continual cessations, the play was fairly fast and fortunes fluctuated.

Shortly after the start the Army drew first blood through Dickins. Ten minutes later Nicholson evened up matters by scoring a fine goal from close range after a shot by Hill had been saved.

A few minutes later the Army got ahead again by Wright-Neville finding the net with the goalie making a fine but fruitless effort to save.

Hill had a long distance try but failed, and later a movement by the Army right wing and the inside man was spoiled by off-side. Simpson next put an end to several rushes by the Army, playing his usual spoiling game, and both the Naval backs cleared well.

On a return visit the Army sent one in the direction of goal, which the custodian mis-kicked, and Wright-Neville getting past put a little speed on the ball and sent into goal.

The whistle for half-time sounded shortly after, the Army leading by three goals to one.

Immediately after the bully-off the Army were penalised in their half for an infringement and Simpson taking a free hit sent across to Hill, who scored the best goal in the match by a fast cross shot.

With one goal still to the bad, the Navy attacked vigorously and the Army custodian saved from Sillitoe, missing his footing in the effort. Nicholson gained possession and was successful, the ball striking the fallen goalie and flying into the net.

The equaliser infused more life into the Navy and the attack was maintained, the Army backs often clearing nicely in a sustained attack. Hill was on the point of scoring when he once broke through, but the Army custodian cleared nicely. The final whistle sounded with the score three all.

The position now is:—

					Goals.		
	P.	W.	D	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Army ...	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Club	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

[Note:—In case of an all-round tie, goal average to count.]

NIGHT CLUB ROW?

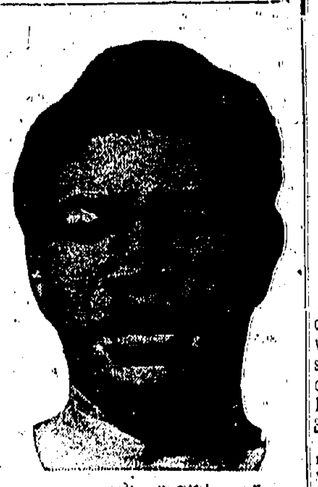
HOW BATTLING SIKI WAS KILLED.

IN "HELL'S KITCHEN."

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 15.

The body of "Battling" Siki was found lying face downward on the pavement at four in the morning by a policeman who had met and exchanged greetings with the boxer shortly after midnight, near where the body was found.



"Battling" Siki.

A revolver lay in a gutter. Two chambers were empty and the weapon is believed to have been thrown away by the murderer when he fled.

Siki was well-known in the neighbourhood. It is suggested that he had been to one of the numerous night-clubs and became involved in a dispute which continued in the street, ending in his murder.

Last July Siki was knifed in the same spot.

An earlier message stated:—The French Senegalese boxer, "Battling" Siki, has been murdered. He was shot and knifed in a tough district known as "Hell's Kitchen."

[Rising to fame several years ago by a sensational and questioned defeat of Georges Carpentier, Siki lost favour in France and migrated to the States. He has done little actual boxing of note in the last two years.]

SERVICE SOCCER.

COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE.

It has been decided to play off the local United Services football competitions on the elimination system. Results to date follow:—

SENIOR.

First Round.

Hawkins 2, Submarines 0.

1/E Surreys 5, Ambrose 0.

Titania 1, Carlisle 0.

R.A. w.o. from Durban.

Second Round.

1/E Surreys 2, Hawkins 0.

Titania 1, R.A. 1.

[The re-play, Titania v. R.A. will take place on Monday, 21st inst.]

JUNIOR.

First Round.

Iroquois 2, Carlisle II 1.

Surreys II 4, Tamar 1.

R.A. II 1, Titania II 0.

Durban II 2, Submarines II 0.

Foxglove 3, Petersfield 0.

Second Round.

Hawkins II 2, Bluebell 0.

Staff and Depts. 6, Foxglove 1.

R.A. II w.o. from Durban II.

[Surreys II and Iroquois will play their match on Friday, 18th inst. The finals in both divisions will take place at Sookumpoo on 23rd, kick-off 2 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. respectively.]

Paolino, the Basque heavyweight boxer, who was once a wood-chopper, seems in a fair way to becoming a successor to Georges Carpentier, by whom he is now being tutored. He will never have the same magnetism for English spectators as Carpentier had, and it is very unlikely that he will win any of the championships that the Frenchman gained, for apart from his natural aptitude for fighting he is only a very moderate performer. But what a chance there is for a young British heavyweight to arise just now. In two or three years he could make a comfortable fortune. Unfortunately, such a man does not appear to be in sight.—"Daily Mail."

MAGIC CUP.

HOME F.A. ROUND 2 REPLAY.

GRIMSBY OVER HURDLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

Replaying in the second round proper of the Football Association Cup, Grimsby defeated Kettering by 3 goals to 1.

[Note:—The winners visit Birmingham (of the first league) on Jan. 9 for round 3.]

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

RESULTS AHEAD OF MAIL.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Port Elizabeth, Nov. 21.

The British lawn tennis team opened their tour here in glorious weather. A large crowd was present and the courts were in splendid condition, when they beat the Eastern Province by 5 matches to 3.

A feature of the tournament was the wonderful displays of the South African singles champion, I. Richardson.

The results were as follow:—

MEN'S SINGLES.

Richardson (South Africa), beat G. R. Crole Rees, 6-1, 6-0.

Mrs. Watson (Great Britain), defeated Miss Lumsden (Eastern Province), 6-1, 8-6, 6-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Miss R. McKane and Miss J. Colyer, defeated Mrs. Hoskin and Mrs. Johnstone (Eastern Province), 6-4, 6-3.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Ridley (Great Britain), defeated Mrs. Tait and Miss Lumsden, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

L. Godfree and Eames, (Great Britain), defeated Kirby and Phillips (Eastern Province), 6-3, 6-1.

Richardson and M. Davies (Eastern Province), defeated Crole Rees and Summerson, 6-2, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Godfree and Miss McKane (Great Britain), defeated Davies and Mrs. Tait (Eastern Province), 6-2, 7-5.

Richardson and Mrs. Hoskin (Eastern Province), defeated Eames and Miss Colyer (Great Britain), 7-5, 7-5.

RUGBY TACTICS.

"ALL BLACKS'" SCRUM FORMATION.

8 BACKS, 7 FORWARDS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 25.

The international rugger player, Kershaw, writing to the "Evening Standard," states that he understands that as an experiment the New Zealand formation of 8 backs and 7 forwards will be tried in one team in the Irish trial, while the other will be composed of the orthodox eight in the pack.

It is an open secret that clubs in South Ireland were deeply influenced by the theories so attractively put into practice during the last visit of the All Blacks.

The Irish internationals, Crawford and Lieut. Browne, took pains to get first-hand information from Porter, Richardson and Nicholls, and an explanation of the New Zealanders' strategy, and there was striking evidence at Oxford last week, when Dublin University, playing in the New Zealand formation, heavily defeated the Varsity.

They were not the only Irishmen impressed by the New Zealand strategy.

The final of the Garrison Football League, "A" Company E. Surrey Regiment v. "B" Company E. Surrey Regiment will be played at 4 p.m. Sookumpoo ground on Thursday (December 17). The G. O. C. has kindly consented to present the Cup and Medals after the match.

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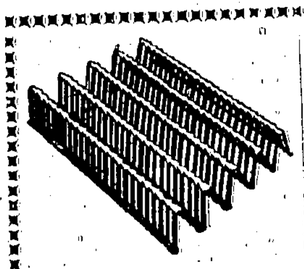

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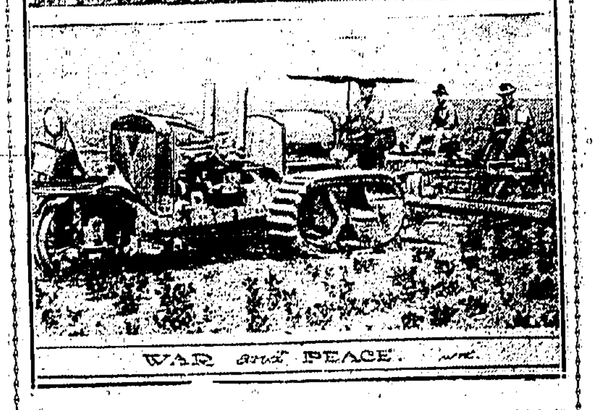
People and Events in the News of the World

Shoot to kill is the order issued for the capture of Martin Durkin, murderer of Chicago. Known as a motor car thief, he killed Edward Shanahan, Federal agent, and a police sergeant when trapped as he visited his sweetheart, Betty Werner, and her son, whom he loved as his own.



From its role as an agent of death and destruction, in which it exacted a terrible toll during the War, the one time tank of the battlefield, in different guise, to-day is an agent of progress. On the farm and in the city, it has been utilised as a powerful arm of industry. During the long years of the War, tank and tractor brought to mind the Argonne, the Meuse, Verdun and other famous centres of battle. The toll these messengers of death exacted was enormous. To-day, in their original form, they are harbingers of peace, prosperity and progress as they are utilised on the farm and in the city in various lines of industry.

Robert Lea, was one of the Coast Guard Cutter No. 128 crew, who were taken off the boat when it was sinking in heavy seas. Picked up by the "Cameronia," the crew was forced to remain aboard the liner on its voyage to Europe.

Sari Fedak, brilliant Austrian actress, has secured a decree from Franz Molnar, the playwright in a sensational suit at Vienna.

Constance Bennett, of the stage and screen, saw the perfect climax to her elopement with Philip Plant, heir to $11,000,000, when she learned that his mother approved of the young couple's marriage.

In the Foreign Office at Moscow, M. Ganetsky, for Russia, and Herr Brockdorf-Rantsoon, for Germany, signed a trade treaty.

Viola Hudson, society girl, with Mel and Freckles, roams the woods, looking for small game.

State Senator James Walker has been elected Mayor of New York City by a majority of 400,000 on the Democratic ticket. The home of Maxim Gorky, Russian novelist, was searched for anti-Fascist evidence in Italy. "Eph" Inman is the lawyer on whom D. C. Stephenson, formerly Grand Dragon of the Klan, rests his hopes in his trial on the charge of murder. Grand Duke Cyril, self-appointed Emperor of Russia, has named a commission in Coburg, Germany, to draft a new constitution for Russia.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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"Dr. C. B. Heald, Medical Adviser to the Director of Civil Aviation (England), in a paper to the International Conference on Aerial Navigation, urged abstemiousness in food, drink and tobacco, and regular exercise on all air pilots," says the "Evening News." "Pilots who were careful in these respects, he said, revealed in their medical tests constitutions 'younger' than their actual ages. Those who were less careful—fortunately a steadily decreasing number—added years to their age. In the former group he had made a careful observation of all pilots who had flown 250 hours in six months or less, and in those who did not suffer from apprehension he could find at present not the smallest trace of any physical deterioration."

Ship Tossed Like A Cork.

The story of a terrific Atlantic gale in which the huge Cunard liner "Berengaria" was tossed like a cork, was told on the ship's arrival at Southampton from New York, several hours late, says a London wire of November 1. Altogether, 26 passengers were injured, many being thrown against bulkheads, lifted up bodily from decks chairs and hurled against the saloon, or thrown to the decks. The most seriously injured was a doctor, a passenger, who sustained a broken arm and rib, and injuries to the nose and body, when he was thrown down a companionway. He was carried off the ship on a stretcher. The gale raged for fully 48 hours, waves estimated at 50ft. in height breaking over the vessel, which rolled alarmingly. Sleep was impossible for two nights. The seas smashed 3in. glass in the portholes, while crockery and furniture, valued at £2,000 was smashed. The captain declares it was the stormiest voyage he has experienced. Passengers praise the seamanship of the officers.

Socialist Millionaire Divorced.

Mr. J. G. Phelps Stokes, the millionaire Socialist, secured a divorce from Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, the storm centre of many Socialist and Communist troubles. The plaintiff named Grossman, a hotel-keeper at Sharon Springs, in the State of New York, was co-respondent. Mrs. Stokes, who is now 46—her late husband is 52—has had a romantic career. Born in Russia, she lived in London during childhood, and often described the hardships of factory life in the East-end of London. Coming to New York with her parents she found conditions as a cigar worker very much the same. She was very intelligent, and went to school and afterwards to college. While engaged in settlement work in New York she met Mr. Stokes twenty years ago, and married him. Since then the couple have been involved in many Socialist and Communist troubles. Both have been arrested on charges of exhorting the workers "to rise against their oppressors." Rose Pastor, at the time of her wedding, was known as the "Rose of the Ghetto," and was very pretty, with appealing dark eyes. She possessed great literary ability, and wrote much poetry. One of her poems, commencing "Fifty years in Fifty shed, dear Lord I think of Thee," is almost a household poem in America. During the war she was arrested on a charge of violation of the Espionage Act, but the original sentence of two years in prison was set aside. In the proceedings defendant was described as an employee of Grossman, her duties being to act as publicity manager for his hotel.

RT. MACKENZIE KING.

Mr. W. L. Mackenzie, Canadian Prime Minister, had the fight of his life for re-election through the opposition of Mr. Arthur Meighen, backed by the support of sixty-five united Liberals in Parliament.

American Peers.

Although there is an authentic peer of Canada (Baron de Longueil, a French title preserved by treaty), there is no such thing as a peer of America, observes a Glasgow paper. But there happen at the moment to be several British peers who are American subjects—Lord Portsmouth, Lord Roche, and Lord Exmouth, for example—and a good deal of misunderstanding has arisen about their position. There is no doubt whatever that they have legally inherited their peerages — the blood of their ancestors was ennobled, and nobody can prevent their due succession to the titular honours. But equally is it beyond dispute that no subject of another country can sit or vote in the House of Lords, for the very simple reason that he cannot take the oath. The Lords Fairfax discovered this, and several of them have in consequence been naturalised as British subjects that might enjoy the full privileges to which they could lay claim. There is one peer who is pretty near a full-bred Hindu, and there is one who is an Italian. Poor old Viscount Taaffe—an Austrian—had his Irish peerage taken away during the war. The Duke Fitzjames bears a title, originally of English creation, but now under an attainder here, although recreated in Spain as a Spanish title. The number of British who, with or without permission, use foreign titles is legion.

The World's Human Nature.

Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, the London magistrate, addressing the Southampton Brotherhood on a recent Sunday, stated in a speech recorded by the "Southern Echo" that:—"He had a suspicion that the world was never intended to be other than a place of disappointment. It was a place for discipline and triumph, but they would never eliminate the perplexities and disappointments. They might have their measure of failure and success, but they would never achieve complete self-satisfaction. Life might be what it liked, but it was not logic, and again and again it outraged their sense of justice. Perhaps it was because they did not see far enough. He could recall how in three crises in his own life there had been meted out to him, as he thought at the time, injustices, but years after looking back with knowledge, he saw that he would have chosen, had he known, the very things which he considered heart-breaking at the time. So they could go through the whole story of sickness, disease, failure and disaster, and any religion that was worth while must have a reality that would stand the stress and strain. What was one to say to the wash-up of human wreckage which passed through Metropolitan police courts? Apart from the salvation of the Galilean it was simply wastage of human life, and apart from the message of the Galilean it was not merely without value, but without future. What was wrong with the world was that there was such a lot of human nature in it. They might change their institutions; it would not matter much. The trouble was to change the individual."

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From	Per
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.	
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Canada
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.	
Japan	Haruna Maru
Manila	Pres. Taft
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.	
EUROPE via Negapatam Letter and Papers London 18th Nov.	Takada
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Australia and Manila	Changsha
Japan	Tango Maru
Manila	Pres. McKinley
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Manila	Empress of Canada
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.	
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.	
Straits	Kashima Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hotau Maru	5 p.m.
Amoy	Namsang	5 p.m.
Haiphong	Phranang	5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels 5 p.m. Letters (7th Dec.) 8.30 a.m.)	Talamba	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.		
Swatow	Obenan	10.30 a.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Noon.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.)	Yuensang	
Manila	City of Durban	1.30 p.m.
Tourane	Nam Wah	5 p.m.
Japan & *Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 12th Jan 1926	Ivo Maru	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taming	8.30 a.m.
Iloilo	Pakhoi	10.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	3.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 17th Jan. 1926. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Haruna Maru	
Sankaran	Mansang	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco, 12th Jan., 1926. & Europe via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) Parcels Noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Pres. Taft	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mitsuking	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	9 a.m.
Haiphong	Kwaisang	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Hoihow	Kiangsu	10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 3rd Jan. 1926. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Paul Lecat	

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